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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz. CPC

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of [a] Vice-Chair[s].

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gary Merasty,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.





### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That Gerry Ritz be elected Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Larry Miller, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected First Vice-Chair (Official Opposition).

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That André Bellavance be elected Second Vice-Chair (opposition).

At 9:11, the sitting was suspended.

At 9:22, the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of James Bezan, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least five members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That except for amendments to bills, 48 hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages; and that, upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee; and that, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at in camera meetings.

On motion of Ken Boshcoff, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Ken Boshcoff moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees, if necessary.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Larry Miller, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "if necessary" the following: "at the discretion of the Chair".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of André Bellavance, it was agreed, — That the motion adopted earlier by the Committee concerning in camera meetings be rescinded; and, that one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee; and that, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at in camera meetings.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; that before the second round of questioning, other members who have not spoken and who wish to speak may do so for 5 minutes; and that thereafter, 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and opposition parties.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on May 8th 2006, at 4:00 p.m..

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Monday, May 9th 2006, at 9:00 a.m..

At 10:02, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/05 3:26 p.m.

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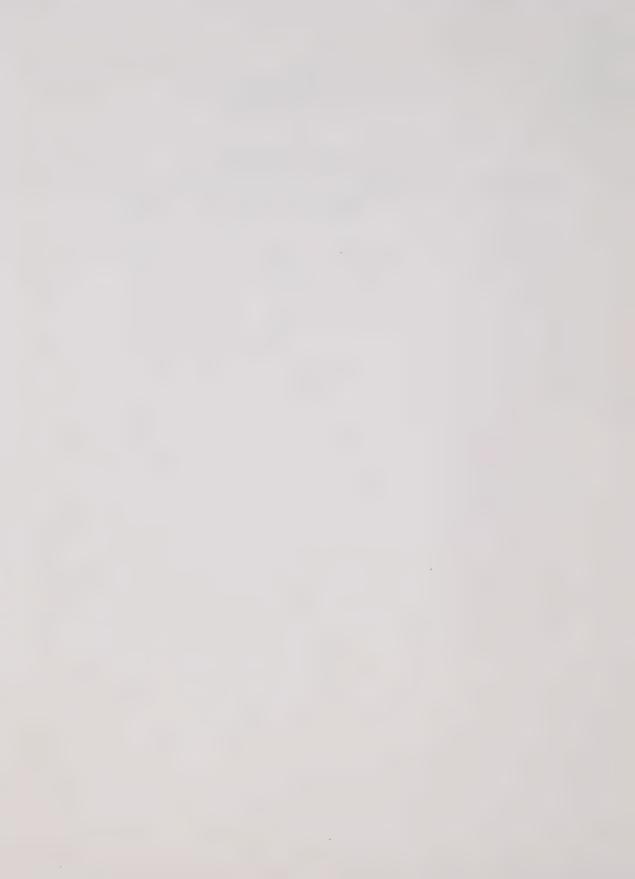
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz, CPC

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

**IN CAMERA** 





Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee invite the minister to appear and discuss the modalities pertaining to the one billion dollar announcement.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That a meeting be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. to receive a briefing from the Dairy Processors Association of Canada and Dairy Farmers of Canada respecting on Imports on Milk Protein Concentrates.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That a meeting be held to receive a briefing respecting the WTO.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That a meeting be held to receive a briefing respecting Hopper Cars.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That a meeting be held to receive a briefing respecting Biofuel Strategy.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) make available a progress report on its activities, prior to its appearance before the Standing Committee every six months;

That the progress report highlight various indicators such as the number of new pesticides approved, the number of old pesticides re-evaluated, the number of minor use pesticides approved, the number of temporary and emergency registrations, and other information pertaining to Agency's operations. including cost recovery initiates and staffing requirements; and

That the report be reviewed in consultation with the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee send a letter to the Minister regarding the status of direction of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

On motion of Alex Atamanenko, it was agreed, — That item # 6 (Hopper Cars) on the list of Future Business be put # 4 on the list of priorities for the Committee.

Wayne Easter moved, — That given the recent federal budget and the implications of the budget on agriculture and given that the funds identified in the budget are not to be targeted to producers on an immediate basis, this Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture to appear before it on Thursday. May 11, 2006, at its regular scheduled meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

James Bezan moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "on Thursday, May 11, 2006" with the words "as soon as possible".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of James Bezan and it was negatived.

Larry Miller moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "and given that the funds identified in the budget are not to be targeted to producers on an immediate basis".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Larry Miller and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 10:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/10 4:05 p.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

### Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 11, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gary Merasty,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

### Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Dairy Processors Association of Canada:

Don Jarvis, President - CEO;

Yves Leroux, Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Parmalat;

Kempton L. Matte, Senior Vice-President, Industry, Government, Producers Relations, Saputo;

Pierre Nadeau, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Conseil des industriels laitiers du Québec.

Dairy Farmers of Ontario:
Bruce Saunders, Chair.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:
Richard Doyle, Executive Director;
Jacques Laforge, President.

Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec: Guylaine Gosselin, Director general.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 701. La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Dairy Processors Association of Canada: Don Jarvis, President - CEO; Yves Leroux, Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Parmalat: Kempton L. Matte, Senior Vice-President, Industry, Government, Producers Relations, Saputo; Pierre Nadeau, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Conseil des industriels laitiers du Québec. Dairy Farmers of Ontario: Bruce Saunders, Chair. Dairy Farmers of Canada: Richard Doyle, Executive Director; Jacques Laforge, President. Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec: Guylaine Gosselin, Director general.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

The witnesses from the Dairy Processors Association of Canada made statements and answered questions.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

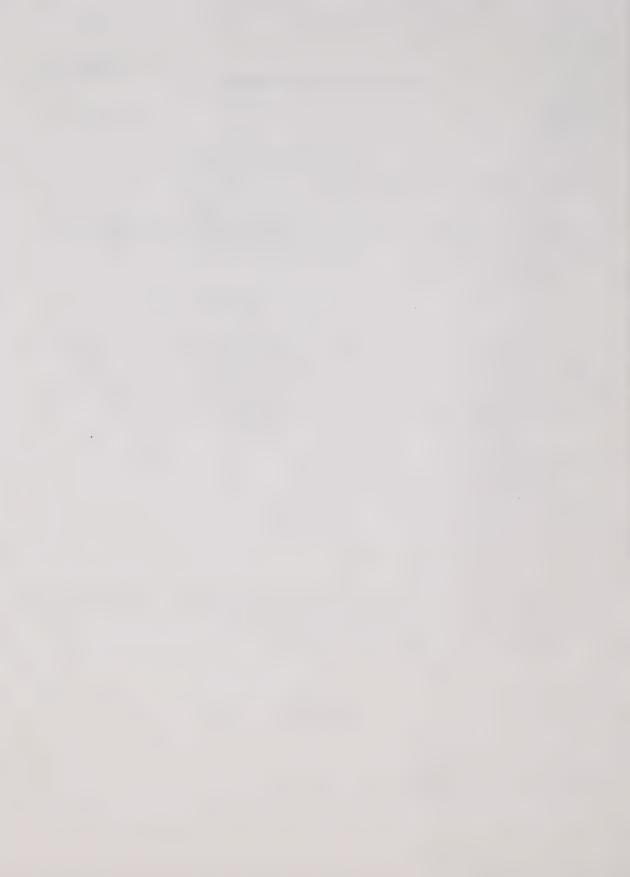
At 10:12 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses from the Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Dairy Farmers of Ontario and the Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec made statements and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas Committee Clerk

2006/05/11 3:35 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz, CPC

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Hopper car fleet.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Biofuel Strategy.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Jacques Gourde,
Gary Merasty,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Farmer Rail Car Coalition:

Bernie Churko, CEO;

Sinclair Harrison, President;

Bob Barss, Councillor.

Canadian Transportation Agency:
Alain Langlois, Counsel;
Frank Urban, Acting Director, Rail Economics Directorate.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:
Justin To, Analyst, Farm Policy.

Canola Council of Canada:

Tyler Bjornson, Vice President.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Farmer Rail Car Coalition: Bernie Churko, Chief Executive Officer; Sinclair Harrison, President; Bob Barss, Councillor. Canadian Transportation Agency: Alain Langlois, Counsel; Frank Urban, Acting Director, Rail Economics Directorate. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Justin To, Analyst, Farm Policy. Canola Council of Canada: Tyler Bjornson, Vice President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Hopper car fleet.

The witnesses from the Farmer Rail Car Coalition made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Biofuel Strategy .

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

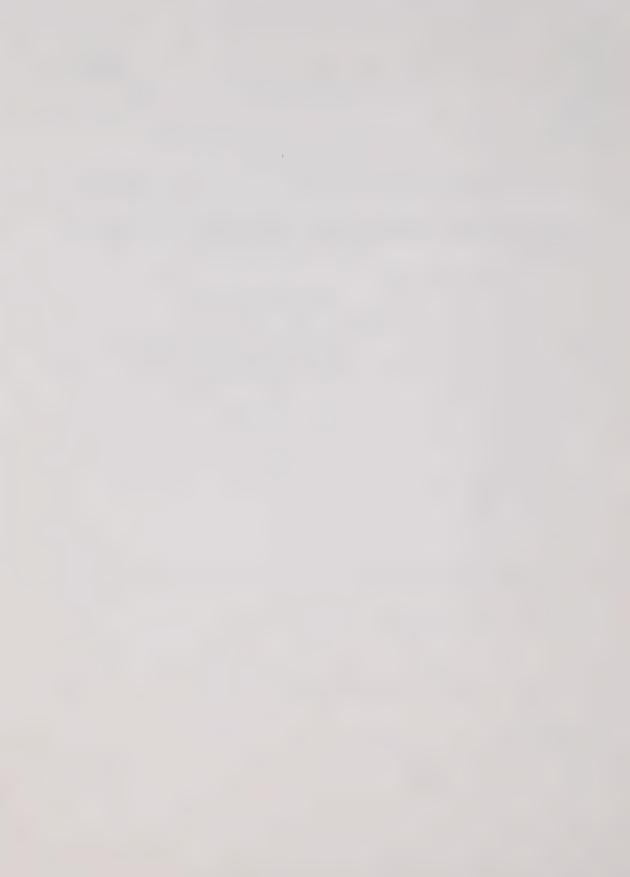
At 10:28 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Canola Council of Canada made statements and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/17 2:24 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz, CPC

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Ministerial Priorities.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Maloney for Gary Merasty.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science;

Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management

Program Development.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:
André Gravel, Executive Vice President;
François Guimont, President.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Terry Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management;

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry
Services Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Programs and International.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations;

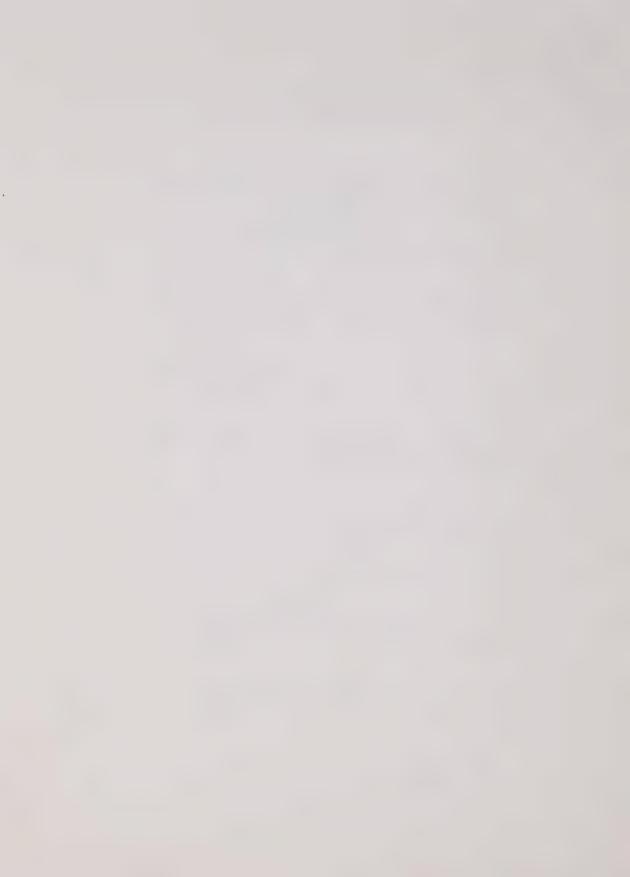
Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Secretariat.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch.

### Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: John Maloney for Gary Merasty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science; Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management Program Development. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: André Gravel, Executive Vice President; Francois Guimont, President. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Terry Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Programs and International. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Corporate Services Secretariat. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Ministerial Priorities.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture support the federal government decision to retain ownership of the hopper car fleet providing;

- a) The revenue cap is reduced to reflect actual maintenance costs.
- b) The rail hopper cars are replaced and modernized as soon as possible, ideally at no cost to the farmers.
- c) That federal government ensures that the assets are properly managed on behalf of the farmers. .

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "That" with the words "in view of the federal government's decision to renege on the agreement in principle between itself and the Farmer Rail Car Coalition that the Standing Committee on Agriculture call upon the federal government to retain ownership of the hopper car fleet and commit to the following:

- a) The revenue cap is reduced to reflect the actual maintenance costs estimated by the Canadian Transportation Agency to be for the sample year 2004, \$1,686 rather than the\$4,329 per car, per year.
- b) That the federal government rail hopper cars be modernized and ultimately replaced as soon as possible, and that the costs of replacement be borne by the federal government.
- c) That federal government provide assurances that the assets are properly managed on behalf of the farmers. ".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture support the idea that the Auditor General undertake an investigation into the possible misuse of rail hopper cars maintenances costs since 1992.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "the idea" with the words "a request from this committee".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 0.

At 11:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/31 2:00 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

### Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division.

Department of Finance:

Dean Beyea, Chief, International Trades and Finances, International Trades Policy Division.

Department of International Trade:

Marvin Hildebrand, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division.

Department of Finance:

Carol Nelder-Corvari, Director, International Trade and Finance, International Trade Policy Division.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:
Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Canada Border Services Agency:

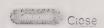
Darwin Satherstrom, Acting Director General, Trade Programs
Directorate, Admissibility Branch.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Richard Tudor Price, Director, Supply Management.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: David Usher, Director, Trade Controls Policy.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:
Gail Daniels, Chief, Dairy Programs.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Beliavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division. Department of Finance: Dean Beyea, Chief, International Trades and Finances, International Trades Policy Division. Department of International Trade: Marvin Hildebrand, Director, Tariffs and Market Division. Department of Finance: Carol Nelder-Corvari, Director, International Trade and Finance, International Trade Policy Division. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection. Canada Border Services Agency: Darwin Satherstrom, Acting Director, Trades Program Directorate, Admissibility Branch. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Richard Tudor Price, Director, Supply Management. Department of International Trade: David Usher, Director, Trades Controls Policy. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Gail Daniels, Chief, Dairy Programs.

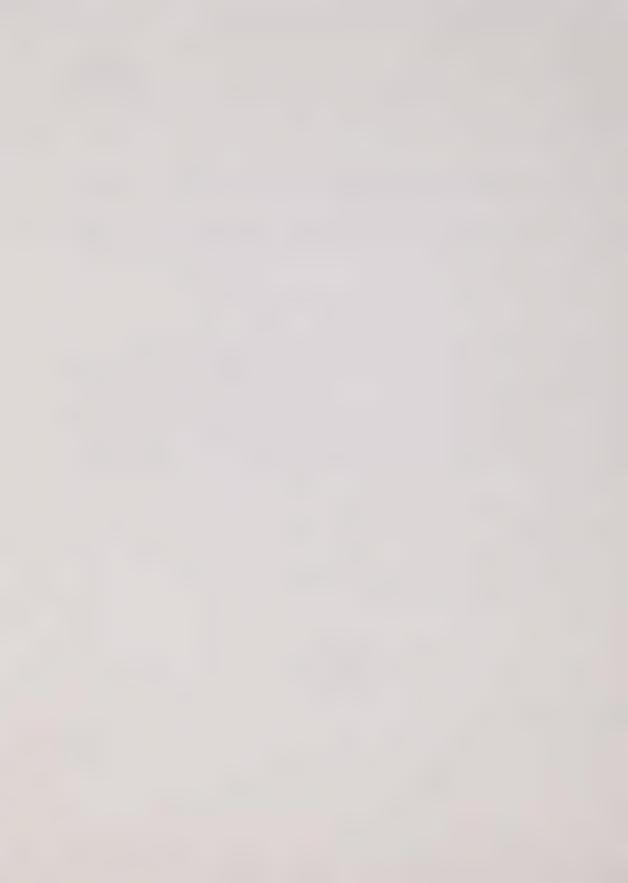
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 3:59 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Biofuel Strategy .

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gary Merasty,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Commercial Alcohols Inc.:

Bliss Baker, Vice President, , Business Development & Government, Corporate Affairs.

Biox Corporation:

Tim Haig, President and CEO.

The Saskatchewan Ethanol Development Council Inc.: Lionel LaBelle, President.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Rory McAlpine, Vice President, Government and Industry Relations.

Iogen Corporation:

Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:

Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Ron Wardrop, Director, Marketing and Business Development.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Beliavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty. Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Commercial Alcohols Inc.: Bliss Baker, Vice President, , Business Development & Government, Corporate Affairs. Biox Corporation: Tim Haig, President and CEO. The Saskatchewan Ethanol Development Council Inc.: Lionel Labelle, President. Maple Leaf Foods Inc.: Rory McAlpine, Vice President, Government and Industry Relations. Iogen Corporation: Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President. Canadian Renewable Fuels Association: Kory Teneycke, Executive Director. Maple Leaf Foods Inc.: Ron Wardrop, Director, Marketing and Business Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Biofuel Strategy.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

André Bellavance moved, — Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee has considered the importation of milk protein concentrates. That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food present a report with the following recommendations to the House of Commons:

- 1. That, since all the parties support supply management, the government take immediate action to strengthen import control measures, which are crucial to supply management, by limiting the importation of milk protein concentrates and any product specifically designed to circumvent the supply management rules.
- 2. That the government adopt regulations that would classify all milk protein concentrates, regardless of their protein content, under tariff line 0404, or a tariff quota to be negotiated.
- 3. That the government invoke Article XXVIII of the GATT where necessary in order to cap imports of milk protein concentrates by immediately launching negotiations with its trade partners and by amending its tariff schedule through a legislative measure adopted by Parliament.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/06 4:10 p.m.

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 8, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Pest Management Regulatory Agency

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gary Merasty
and Gerry Ritz.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin for Larry Miller, and Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

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Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director; Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Bob Bartley, Director; Christine Moran, Executive Director.

CropLife Canada:

Lorne Hepworth, President; Peter MacLeod, Executive Director.

Karen Dodds made a statement and, with Richard Aucoin, answered questions.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS



eting No. 8

rsday, June 8, 2006

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

nbers of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. yne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gary Merasty and Gerry Ritz.

ing Members present: Barry Devolin for Larry Miller and Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff.

ttendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

nesses: Department of Health: Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director; Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar, Pest nagement Regulatory Agency. Grain Growers of Canada: Bob Bartley. Director; Christine Moran, Executive ector. CropLife Canada: Lorne Hepworth, President; Peter MacLeod, Executive Director.

suant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Pest Management Regulatory Agency

en Dodds made a statement and, with Richard Aucoin, answered questions.

9:54, André Bellavance took the Chair.

19:59, the sitting was suspended.

10:03, the sitting resumed.

witnesses from CropLife Canada and the Grain Growers of Canada made statements and answered questions.

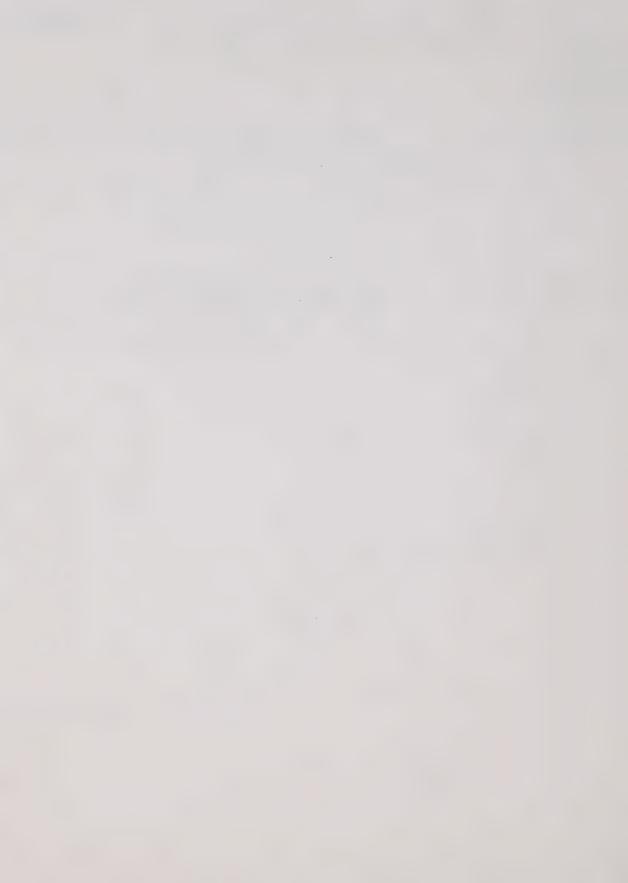
10:57, Gerry Ritz took the Chair.

11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas Committee Clerk

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz. CPC

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ted Menzies.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

### Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

#### APPEARING:

David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary (for the Canadian Wheat Board) to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Grain Commission:

Christine Hamblin, Chief Commissioner; Terry Harasym, Assistant Chief Commissioner.

Western Grain Elevator Association:

John Heinbecker, Chairman; Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Adrian Measner, President; Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:

Blair Rutter, Executive Director; Stephen Vandervalk, Vice-President.

Farm Pure Inc.:

Jim Venn, Advisor.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde. Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Ted Menzies.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

Appearing: David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary (for the Canadian Wheat Board) to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: Canadian Grain Commission: Christine Hamblin, Chief Commissioner; Terry Harasym. Assistant Chief Commissioner. Western Grain Elevator Association: John Heinbecker, Chairman; Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director. Canadian Wheat Board: Adrian Measner, President; Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors. Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Blair Rutter, Executive Director; Stephen Vandervalk, Vice-President. Farm Pure Inc.: Jim Venn, Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Wheat Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 2,506 for the Committee's travel to Ste. Catherine (Québec) on June 20th 2006 in relation to it's study on Biofuel strategy, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 11:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 15, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin for Larry Miller, and Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Chicken Farmers of Canada: David Fuller, Chair.

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Laurent Souligny, Chair.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Darcy Davis, Chairman, Alberta Beef Producers;

John Masswohl, Director, Governmental International Relations.

Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec:
Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Manager;
Serge Lefebvre, President, Fédération des producteurs d'oeufs de consommation du Québec.

Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance: Tyler Bjornson, Director; Alanna Koch, Vice-President.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for Larry Miller and Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

Witnesses: Chicken Farmers of Canada: David Fuller, Chair. Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Laurent Souligny, Chair. Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Darcy Davis, Chairman, Alberta Beef Producers; John Masswohl, Director, Governmental International Relations. Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec: Serge Lebeau. Senior International Trade Manager; Serge Lefebvre, President, Fédération des producteurs d'oeufs de consommation du Québec. Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance: Tyler Bjornson, Director; Alanna Koch, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the budget of the Committee in the amount of \$13,300 for the briefing of the Canadian Wheat Board be adopted.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That the budget of the Committee in the amount of \$6,900 for the study on Biofuel Strategy be adopted.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That the budget of the Committee in the amount of \$10,800 for the study on Hopper car fleet be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee continues its study on the Canadian Wheat Board.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food report to the House the following recommendation; That the government prior to any legislative or regulatory action affecting the mandate of the Canadian Wheat Board as it is currently constituted under the Canada Wheat Board Act, submit through plebiscite to all those eligible to vote in Canadian Wheat Board elections, a clear and direct question asking whether those eligible to vote support or oppose the single desk selling provisions of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Debate arose thereon.

James Bezan moved, — That consideration of Mr. Easter's motion be postponed.

Debate arose thereon.

The question: "That consideration of Mr. Easter's motion be postponed" was put and was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Wayne Easter, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food report to the House the following recommendation; That the government prior to any legislative or regulatory action affecting the mandate of the Canadian Wheat Board as it is currently constituted under the Canada Wheat Board Act, submit through plebiscite to all those eligible to vote in Canadian Wheat Board elections, a clear and direct question asking whether those eligible to vote support or oppose the single desk selling provisions of the Canadian Wheat Board.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That any dissenting reports to be attached to this report to the House to be received by the Clerk of the Committee by Friday no later than Friday, June 16, 2006 at 5p.m..

At 11:23 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 22, 2006

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Hopper car fleet.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Claude DeBellefeuille,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ken Boshcoff.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

# Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Transport:

Kristine Burr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Group; Helena Borges, Director General, Special Projects, Policy Group; John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator, Grain Monitoring, Surface Transportation Policy.

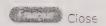
Canadian Pacific Railway:

Judy Harrower, Assistant Vice-President, Agri Business; Jim Buggs, General Manager, Car Management.

Canadian National Railway Company:

Claude Mongeau, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer;

Paul Miller, Vice-President, Transportation Services.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Claude DeBellefeuille, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ken Boshcoff.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Transport: Kristine Burr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Group; Helena Borges, Director General, Special Projects, Policy Group; John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator, Grain Monitoring, Surface Transportation Policy. Canadian Pacific Railway: Judy Harrower, Assistant Vice-President, Agri Business; Jim Buggs, General Manager, Car Management. Canadian National Railway Company: Claude Mongeau, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer; Paul Miller, Vice-President, Transportation Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Hopper car fleet.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 9:50 a.m., Mr. Steckle took the Chair.

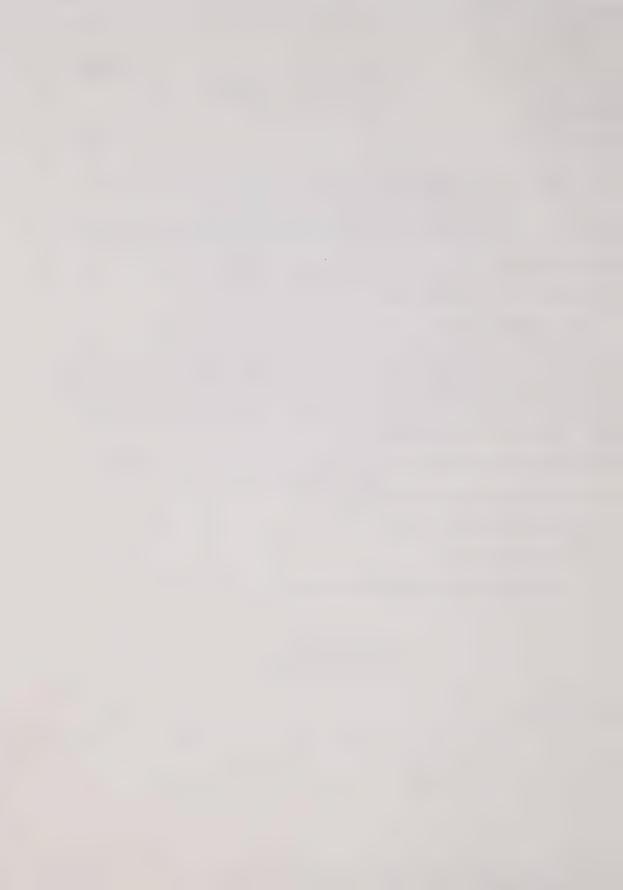
At 10:30, Mr. Ritz took the Chair.

At 11:02, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Mark Eyking for Ken Boshcoff, Gary Merasty for Hon. Wayne Easter, Anthony Rota for Paul Steckle, and Jean-Yves Roy for Claude DeBellefeuille.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst;
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

# OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-François Lafleur, Clerk of the Committee.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 11:04 this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Ken Boshcoff, Gary Merasty for Hon. Wayne Easter, Anthony Rota for Paul Steckle and Jean-Yves Roy for Claude DeBellefeuille.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Other Participants present: Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-François Lafleur, Clerk of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meets with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, on Tuesday October the 3rd, 2006, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Golden Nematode.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to proceed to the examination of the "Canada Bio" standard.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Fur Farming Industry.

It was agreed, — That a meeting be held to receive a briefing from the Agriculture and Agri-Food officials respecting WTO negociations.

It was agreed, — That a meeting be held to receive a briefing from the Agriculture and Agri-Food officials respecting carbon credits.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Terminator seeds technologies.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to proceed to the examination of the effect of Agriculture and Agri-Food retailers concentration on farmers.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to examine personal pesticides import permits for farmers.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Canadian Wheat Board statutory review.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to receive information from Agriculture and Agri-Food officials regarding the government support related to biological farms.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on the negative impact of BSE on agriculture exports of other types of ruminants.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee meets, on October 24th, 2006, with the Railway Industry to follow-up on crop transportation issues.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2)b), the Committee undertake a study on the Review of Canada's agriculture programs.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to examine accessibility to Horticultural Risk Management program respecting horticulture.

It was agreed, — That, a meeting be held to examine export standards regarding boilogical cherries in British-Columbia.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee considers the certificate of nomination of Mr. Ken Motiuk to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Wheat Board.

At 11:28, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/20 3:44 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Alex Atamanenko, it was agreed, — That Gerry Ritz be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Jean-Yves Roy, it was agreed, — That André Bellavance be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 3:55 p.m.



### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

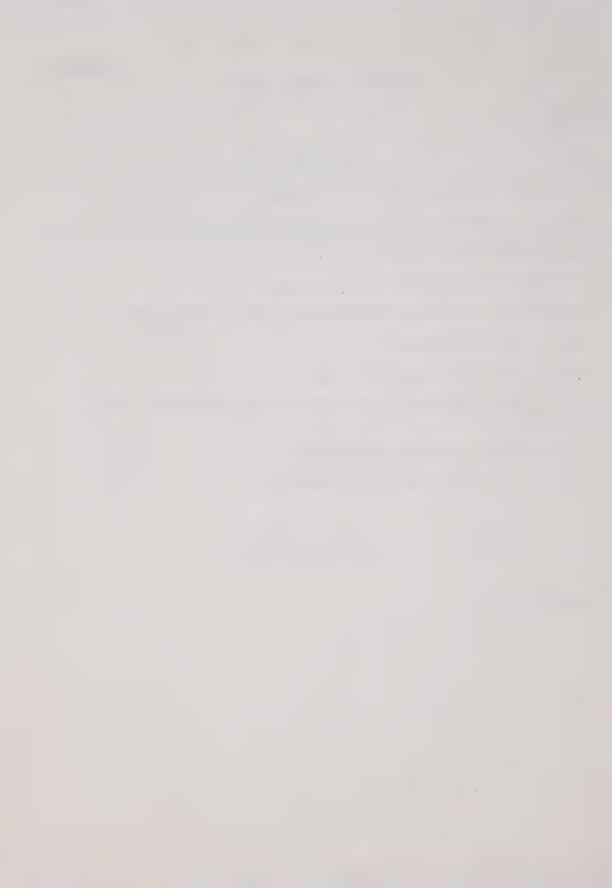
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 3:55 p.m.



### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 15

Thursday, September 28, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Merasty for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

## Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

National Farmers Union:

Terry Boehm, Vice-President; Colleen Ross, Women's President.

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Cam Dahl;

Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director.

#### COMPAS Inc.:

Tom Halpenny, Collaborator; Conrad Winn, President.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:11 this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Merasty for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: National Farmers Union: Terry Boehm, Vice-President; Colleen Ross, Women's Vice President. Western Grain Elevator Association: Cam Dahl; Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director. Compas Inc.: Tom Halpenny, Collaborator; Conrad Winn, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:12, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:17, the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Wayne Easter, seconded by Paul Steckle, moved, — "That, the Committee invite Ms. Mary Lynn Charlton, President of Charlton Communication, to appear to answer questions regarding any representations she may have received from the "government, MP's and others" to undertake a "propaganda" campaign on behalf of those determined to undermine the Canadian Wheat Board.".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Paul Steckle, seconded by Wayne Easter, moved, — "That, Ms. Mary Lynn Charlton, President of Charlton Communication, be invited by the Committee, to appear on Thursday, October 19th, 2006 and; that the meeting be extended by an hour".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7;

NAYS: 4.

James Bezan moved, — "That, the Committee holds two more meetings on October 3rd and 5th 2006, in order to hear more witnesses on its Canadian Grain Commission Review".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Wayne Easter moved, — "That, the Committee hold a meeting to study the situation of the Golden Nematode on Wednesday, October the 4th, 2006, and hold a meeting on Wednesday, October the 18th 2006, to study the Canada-United-States trade relationship and the Milk Protein Concentrates".

At 1:20, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/29 11:45 a.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

# Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Storseth for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

## Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan: Ken McBride, President; Marvin Shauf, Policy Manager.

Canadian Seed Trade Association:

Jeff Reid, Second Vice-President.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan: Ken McBride, President; Marvin Shauf, Policy Manager. Canadian Seed Trade Association: Jeff Reid, Second Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the meetings of October 4, 2006, and the study on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates planned on October 18, 2006, be postponed to a later time.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Agriculture Policy Framework II Stakeholder Reference Group present a status report to the Agriculture Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the committee discuss the possibility of hosting a round table with various farm organizations asking them to explain the causes of the 21 year, global farm income crisis. This could be followed up a few days later asking them to lay out the solutions.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/10/04 1:24

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 17

Thursday, October 5, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin for James Bezan.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As an Individual: Vicki Dutton.

University of Saskatchewan:
Brian Fowler, Professor, Plant Sciences Department.

Great West Railway:
Conrad Johnson, President.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Vicki Dutton. University of Saskatchewan: Brian Fowler, Professor, Plant Sciences Department. Great West Railway: Conrad Johnson, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera

At 1:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Agriculture committee examine the ownership, the control of and profits with, various links in the Canadian Agri-Food Production and processing chain.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/05 4:24 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Phytosanitary Issues regarding Agriculture and Agri-Food International Trade.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Horticultural sector and access to business risk management programs.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

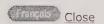
Canadian Federation of Agriculture:
Bob Friesen, President.

Canadian Horticultural Council: Marcus Janzen, President.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:
Gary Koivisto, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate;
Bashir Manji, Acting Director, Food of Plant Origin Division.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association: Brenda Lammens, Vice-Chair; Len Troup, President.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. Canadian Horticultural Council: Marcus Janzen, President. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Gary Koivisto, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate; Bashir Manji, Acting Director, Food of Plant Origin Division. Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association: Brenda Lammens, Vice-Chair; Len Troup, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Phytosanitary Issues regarding Agriculture and Agri-Food International Trade.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Horticultural sector and access to business risk management programs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

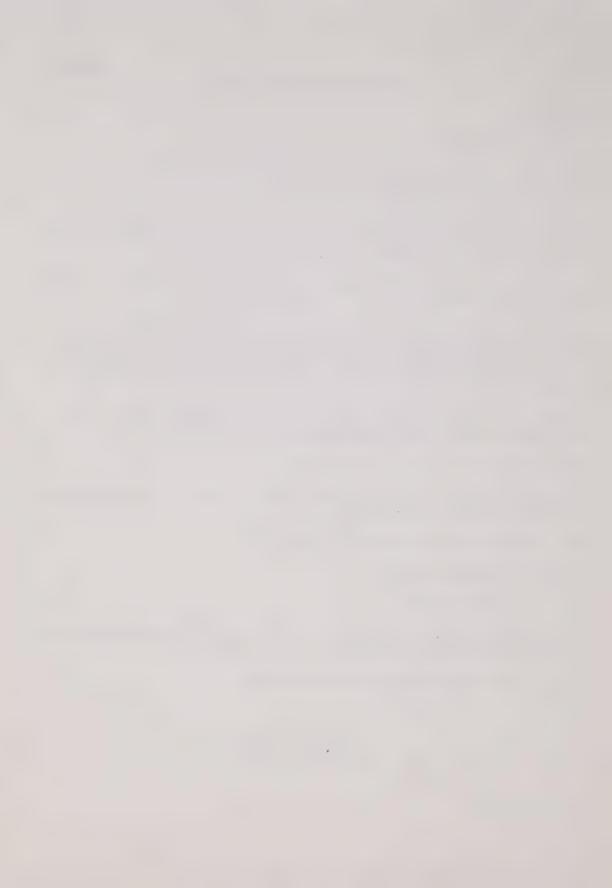
At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That, the budget of the Committee in the amount of 33 000\$ for the study on Canadian Grain Commission review be adopted.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/18 10:44 a.m.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Agriculture and Agri-Food trade relations between Canada and United States of America.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon, Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Guy André for Jean-Yves Roy, and Barry Devolin for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

United States Department of Agriculture:
Lisa Anderson, Agricultural Attaché;
Gary C. Groves, Minister-Counselor, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Gary C. Groves made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Jean-Yves Roy and Barry Devolin for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: United States Department of Agriculture: Lisa Anderson, Agricultural Attaché; Gary C. Groves, Minister-Counselor, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Agriculture and Agri-Food trade relations between Canada and United States of America.

Gary C. Groves made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 3:50 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk

2006/10/19 2:32 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, the order of the agenda items be reversed.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Wayne Easter moved, — "That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food, undertake an emergency review on Oct 24, 25, 26, 2006, of the Government's actions toward the Canadian Wheat Board.

The following is a list of witnesses, as requested by the Hon. Wayne Easter, MP, Alex Atamanenko, MP, André Bellavance, MP, to be called in relation to this Motion:

- · Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food
- Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan
- Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba
- Laurent Pellerin, President, UPA
- Laurence Nicholson, Alberta Co-Chair, Real Voice for Choice Seven Person, AB, (403) 527-6804
- Prairie Producer Coalition
- 1. Ken McBride, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan President APAS Office: (306) 789-7774
- 2. David Rolfe, Keystone Agricultural Producers President Cell: (204) 483-0502
- 3. Lenore Smaldon, Keystone Agricultural Producers Communications KAP Office: (204) 697-1140

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- · Howard Migies, Chair of the Task Force on Marketing Choice
- David Anderson, P.C., M.P.
- Mary-Lynne Charlton, President, Charlton Communications Suite 300 1914 Hamilton St. Regina, Sk S4P 3N6 Ph: 306-584-1000 .

By unanimous consent, on motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words after "Board".

André Bellavance moved, — That, in light of the urgency of the situation for farmers of potatoes and other host crops affected by the potato cyst nematode in the St-Amable area in Quebec, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food hear evidence from them during the meeting immediately following the meeting during which this motion is passed.

Debate arose thereon.

Jacques Gourde moved, — That the motion be amended by substituting all the words after "Agri-food" with the following: should go to Saint-Amable and hold a Committee meeting on-site.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jacques Gourde and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Anderson, James Bezan, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller — 4; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle, Robert Thibault — 7.

Robert Thibault moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "passed" by the following: "and that the committee visit St-Amable at a later date".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle, Robert Thibault — 11; NAYS: — 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, in light of the urgency of the situation for farmers of potatoes and other host crops affected by the potato cyst nematode in the St-Amable area in Quebec, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food hear evidence from them during the meeting immediately following the meeting during which this motion is passed and that the committee visit St-Amable at a later date".

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

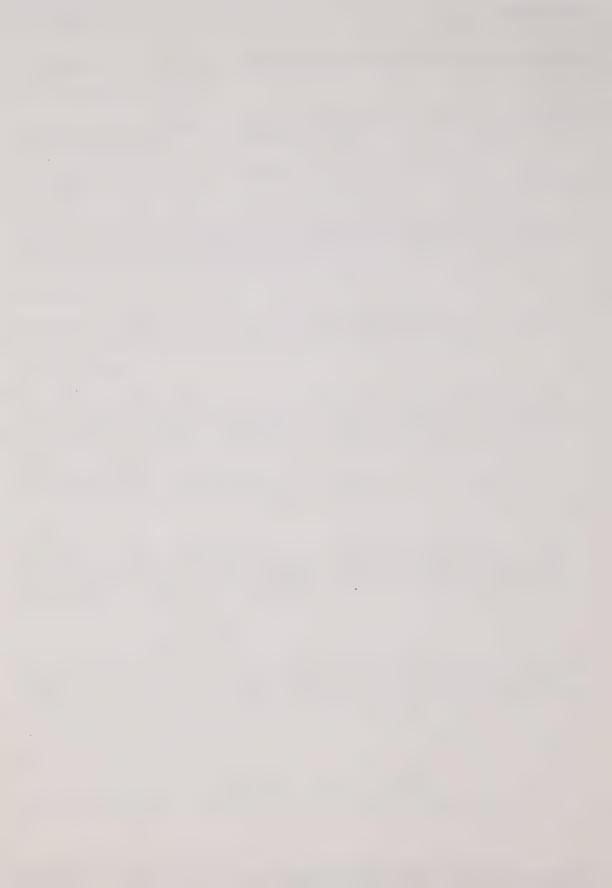
At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 2:43 p.m.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Golden Nematode.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

André Arthur for Larry Miller, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle, Luc Malo for Jean-Yves Roy, and Bev Shipley for James Bezan.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Fédération des producteurs de pommes de terre du Québec: Pierre Chouinard, President; Clément Lalancette, Director General.

AMA-Terre:

Philippe Gemme, President and Farmer; Richard St-Aubin, Vice-President.

Frontier Center for Public Policy: Rolf Penner, Farmer.

Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec:

Denis Bilodeau, Vice-President;

Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Manager.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Library of Parliament:
Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: André Arthur for Larry Miller, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle, Luc Malo for Jean-Yves Roy and Bev Shipley for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des producteurs de pommes de terre du Québec: Pierre Chouinard, President; Clément Lalancette, Director General. AMA-Terre: Philippe Gemme, President and Farmer; Richard St-Aubin, Vice-President. Frontier Center for Public Policy: Rolf Penner, Farmer. Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec: Denis Bilodeau, Vice-President; Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Manager.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Golden Nematode.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

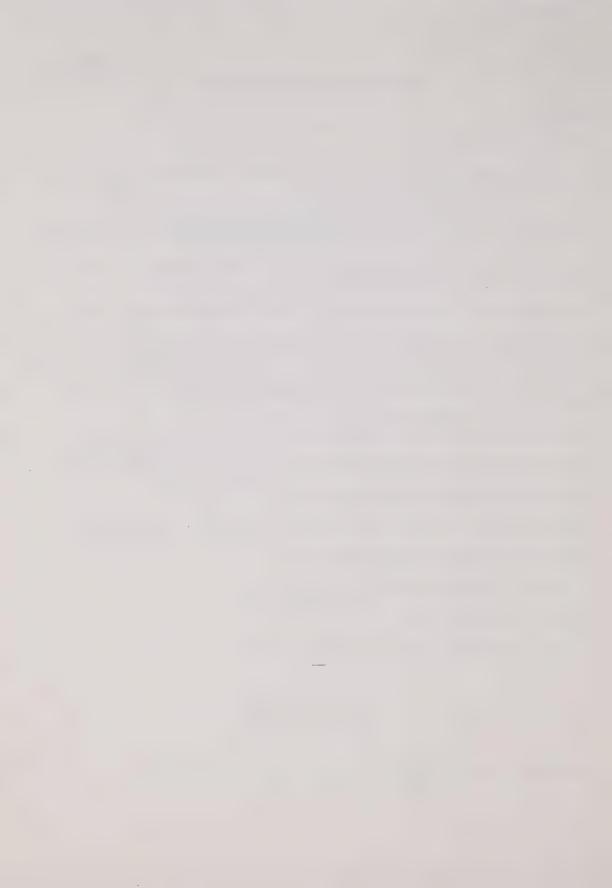
At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 3:10 p.m.



#### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Merasty.

#### **OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pat Martin and Hon. Anita Neville.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Government of Alberta:

Hon. Doug Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

Government of Saskatchewan:

Hon. Mark Wartman, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Government of Manitoba:

Hon. Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Gary Merasty.

Other Members present: Pat Martin and Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Government of Alberta: Hon. Doug Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. Government of Saskatchewan: Hon. Mark Wartman, Minister of Agriculture and Food. Government of Manitoba: Hon. Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 2:55 p.m.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Blaine Calkins, Barry Devolin, Ed Komarnicki and Myron Thompson.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President; Benoit Legault, Director General.

As Individuals:

Wendy Holm, Professional Agrologist.

Keystone Agricultural Producers: David Rolfe, President.

National Farmers Union:
Stewart Wells, President.

Western Barley Growers Association:
Jeff Nielsen, President;
Douglas McBain, Past-President.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, President.

As Individuals:

Carole Husband, Organic Farmer; Boyd Charles, Organic Farmer.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Blaine Calkins, Barry Devolin, Ed Komarnicki and Myron Thompson.

Other Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President; Benoit Legault, Director General. As an individual: Wendy Holm, Professional Agrologist. Keystone Agricultural Producers: David Rolfe, President. National Farmers Union: Stewart Wells, President. Western Barley Growers Association: Jeff Nielson, President; Douglas McBain, Past-President. Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, President. As individuals: Carole Husband, Organic Farmer; Boyd Charles, Organic Farmer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, the members have 5 minutes to question the witnesses.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/27 12:18 p.m.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Doha Round.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Golden Nematode.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Cooperative Association:
Herb Carlson, Member of the Board of Directors.

Pike Management Group:
Gary Pike, Chief Executive Officer.

Grain Growers of Canada:
Jim Smolick, President.

As an Individual: Al Loyns.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Library of Parliament:
Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Cooperative Association: Herb Carlson, Member of the Board of Directors. Pike Management Group: Gary Pike, Chief Executive Officer. Grain Growers of Canada: Jim Smolick, President. As an individual: Al Loyns.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Doha Round.

It was agreed, — That, the committee modifies its agenda for the first hour of its business consideration to rather study a motion from M. Bellavance on the Golden Nematode and, to resume its study on the Canadian Grain Commission.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Golden Nematode.

André Bellavance moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee study the matter of the golden nematode that is affecting the Saint-Amable region of Quebec. That, as soon as possible, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food report the following recommendations to the House of Commons:

- 1. That, given the lifting of the American embargo, except for the regulated area of Saint-Amable, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food recommend that the government consider the advisability of intervening immediately by instituting a financial aid program specifically for the producers affected by the golden nematode, as existing programs are ineffective;
- 2. That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food also recommend that the government institute a process to determine potential solutions following the review of the extent of the medium-and long-term losses for operations located within the regulated area and that the assessment of losses be assigned to an outside firm, as was the case for Quebec's tobacco producers.

Debate arose thereon.

Jacques Gourde moved, — That the motion be amended by adding between the words "government" and "consider" the following: ", in cooperation with the affected producers,".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 11:23, the sitting was suspended.

At 11:24, the sitting resumed in-camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:03, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08, the sitting resumed in-public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, the members have 5 minutes to question witnesses.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:16, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 2:59

### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leon Benoit.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

## Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

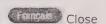
Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister;

Terry Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

François Guimont, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

> Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:01 this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Leon Benoit.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; Terry Hearn, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: François Guimont, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Chair calls Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

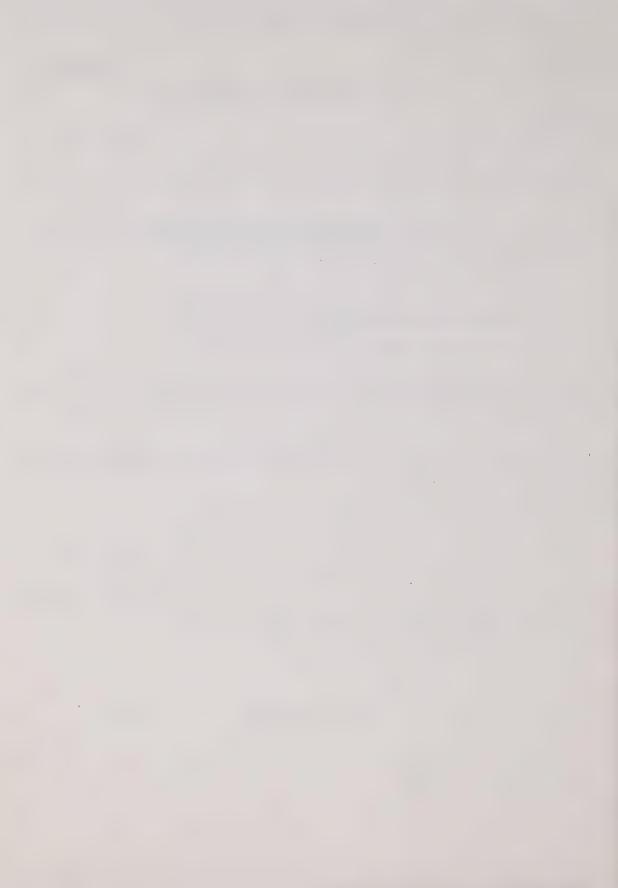
Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD are carried

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD to the House.

At 5:15, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 3:27



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 26

Thursday, November 2, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Task Force Report on Implementing Marketing Choice for Wheat and Barley.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Garry Breitkreuz.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch.

Weyburn Inland Terminal Ltd.:

Robert Davies, Chief Executive Officer.

Grain Vision:
Paul Orsak, Chair.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:
Bob Friesen, President.

West Central Road & Rail: Rob Lobdell, President.

As an Individual:

Avery Sahl.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 26

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:04 this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch. Weyburn Inland Terminal Ltd.: Robert Davies, Chief Executive Officer. Grain Vision: Paul Orsak, Chair. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. West Central Road and Rail: Rob Lobell, President. As an individual: Avery Sahl.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Task Force Report on Implementing Marketing Choice for Wheat and Barley.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:08, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12, the sitting resumed.

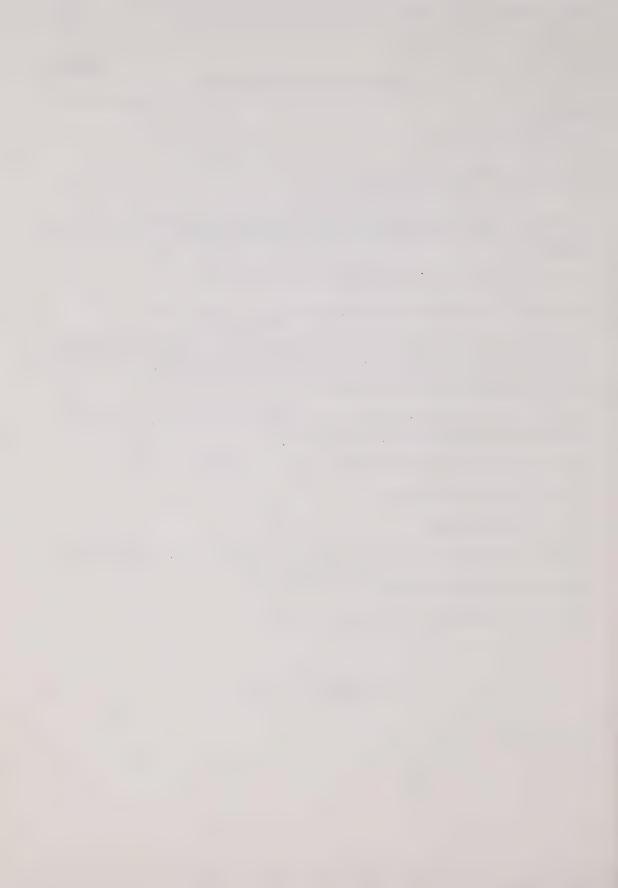
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:15, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 2:51



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Farm Families Options Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

## Barry Devolin for Larry Miller.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Michèle Bergevin, Deputy Director, Renewal Regional Services,

Canadian Agri-Renewal Services;

Clair Gartley, Director General, Agriculture Transformation

Programs Directorate;

Charlene Kosowan, Director, Canadian Farm Families Options Program;

Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management

Program Development; Rosser Lloyd, Director, Income Stabilization, Program

Developement.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Michèle Bergevin, Deputy Director, Renewal Regional Services, Canadian Agri-Renewal Services; Clair Gartley, Director General, Agriculture Transformation Programs Directorate; Charlene Kosowan, Director, Canadian Farm Families Options Program; Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management Program Development; Rosser Lloyd, Director, Income Stabilization, Program Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Farm Families Options Program.

Clair Gartley made a statement and, with Charlene Kosowan and Michèle Bergevin, answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program.

Danny Foster made a statement and, with Rosser Lloyd, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That, the supplementary budget of the Committee in the amount of \$48,700, for the Briefing on the Canadian Wheat Board be adopted.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Committee Clerk

2006/11/08 9:58 a.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 28

Thursday, November 9, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Robert Thibault, Barry Devolin for James Bezan, and Marcel Lussier for André Bellavance.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Jacques Lahaie Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 28

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Robert Thibault, Barry Devolin for James Bezan and Marcel Lussier for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed in-public.

Wayne Easter moved, — Building upon the Minister of Agriculture's indication that a plebiscite on barley will be held, this Committee recommends;

1. That the Minister of Agriculture shall hold, pursuant to section 47.1 of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, a plebiscite with respect to the future of the Canadian Wheat Board on the following questions: Farmers shall be asked:

For wheat:

- A) I wish to maintain the ability to market all wheat, with the continuing exception of feed wheat sold domestically, through the CWB single desk system
- B) I wish to remove the single desk marketing system from the CWB and sell all wheat through an open market system.

For barley:

C) I wish to maintain the ability to market all barley, with the continuing exception of feed barley sold domestically, through the CWB single desk system

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D) I wish to remove the single desk marketing system from the CWB and sell all barley through an open market system.

2. Voter eligibility for the plebiscite shall be the same as that outlined in the CWB Act and regulations for CWB Director elections, with the voter list based on the 2005-06 list of CWB permit book holders.

That the Chair Report the Motion to House.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible because under the Canadian Wheat Board Act, it is under the purview of the minister to develop the questions and the voters list.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie Committee Clerk

2006/11/09 4:35 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Grain Transport Issues.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude DeBellefeuille for André Bellavance, Barry Devolin for James Bezan, and Brian Storseth for Larry Miller.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Thunder Bay Port Authority:
Tim Heney, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian National Railway Company:

Peter Marshall, Senior Vice-President, Western Region;
Paul Miller, Vice-President, Transportation Services.

Western Grain Elevator Association:
Robert Meijer, Director, Public Affairs;
Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director.

Peter Marshall, Tim Heney, Wade Sobkowich and Robert Meijer made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 29

Friday, October 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 8:37 a.m. this day, in the York Hall - Main Floor, Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Dean Allison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, France Bonsant, Bonnie Brown and Jean-Claude D'Amours.

Acting Members present: Peggy Nash for Tony Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Kevin Kerr, Analyst.

Witnesses: Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic: Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director. Ontario March of Dimes: Andrea Spindel, President and Chief Executive Officer; Judy Quillin, Director. Justicia for Migrant Workers - Ontario: Chris Ramsaroop, National Organizer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Employability in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/31 3:53 p.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 30

Thursday, November 23, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Pork Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Grain Commission.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Paul Steckle
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle, and Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barry Devolin.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Lise Grenier-Audet, Vice-President.

Olymel:

Paul Beauchamp, Principal Vice-President, Supply and Corporate Affairs.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Don Davidson, Vice-President, Business Development, Government and Industry Relations; Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry Relations.

Canadian Pork Council:

Clare Schlegel, President; Martin Rice, Executive Director; Jean-Guy Vincent, Second Vice-President.

> Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 30

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle and Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Lise Grenier-Audet, Vice-President. Olymel: Paul Beauchamp, Principal Vice-President, Supply and Corporate Affairs. Maple Leaf Foods Inc.: Don Davidson, Vice-President, Business Development, Government and Industry Relations; Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry Relations. Canadian Pork Council: Clare Schlegel, President; Martin Rice, Executive Director; Jean-Guy Vincent, Second Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Pork Issues.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:12 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the draft report on the Canadian Grain Commission.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on the Canadian Grain Commission be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

At 1:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:37 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Committee recommends

1. That the Minister of Agriculture shall hold, pursuant to section 47.1 of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, a plebiscite with respect to the future of the Canadian Wheat Board on the following questions: Farmers shall be asked:

For wheat:

- A) I wish to maintain the ability to market all wheat, with the continuing exception of feed wheat sold domestically, through the CWB single desk system
- B) I wish to remove the single desk marketing system from the CWB and sell all wheat through an open market system.

For barley:

- C) I wish to maintain the ability to market all barley, with the continuing exception of feed barley sold domestically, through the CWB single desk system
- D) I wish to remove the single desk marketing system from the CWB and sell all barley through an open market system.
- 2. Voter eligibility for the plebiscite shall be the same as that outlined in the CWB Act and regulations for CWB Director elections, with the voter list based on the 2005-06 list of CWB permit book holders.

And that the Chair of the Committee reports the motion to the House.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible on legal grounds

Whereupon, Charles Hubbard appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Anderson, James Bezan, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller — 4; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Charles Hubbard, Robert Thibault — 6.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 1:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/27 12:00 p.m.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

## Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study on Supplemental Beef Quotas.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Horticultural Sector and Tobacco Producers.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Jean-Yves Roy
and Paul Steckle.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christian Paradis for Jacques Gourde,

## and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Robert Thibault.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

Tobacco Farmers In Crisis:

Brian Edwards, President;

Mark Bannister, Vice-Chair.

Ontario Apple Growers:

James Rickard, Chair;

Brian Gilroy, Vice Chair.

Office des producteurs de tabac jaune du Québec: Luc Hervieux, Vice-President; Christian Boisjoly, Director.

Ontario Tobacco Board:
Fred Neukamm, Chair;
Richard Van Maele, Vice Chair.

Richard Rumas Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Christian Paradis for Jacques Gourde and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Tobacco Farmers In Crisis: Brian Edwards, President; Mark Bannister, Vice-Chair. Ontario Apple Growers: James Rickard, Chair; Brian Gilroy, Vice Chair. Office des producteurs de tabac jaune du Québec: Luc Hervieux, Vice-President; Christian Boisjoly, Director. Ontario Tobacco Board: Fred Neukamm, Chair; Richard Van Maele, Vice Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study on Supplemental Beef Quotas.

James Bezan moved, — That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food reports the following recommendations to the House: That, the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall continue, after the normalization of trade with the United States in cattle over 30 months of age, to:

- i) not authorize supplementary import permits for beef or veal unless applicants have demonstrated that they have undertaken all possible efforts to purchase Canadian beef or veal;
- ii) limit the quantity of beef or veal authorized on any supplemental import permit to a quantity that the applicant can demonstrate is consistent with their normal usage in a period of time specified by the Minister; iii) ensure that total annual supplementary import permits for beef and veal shall not exceed 76, 409 metric tonne without exceptional circumstances as determined by the Minister of Foreign Affairs; and
- iv) report to the House if the Minister has reason to believe that extraordinary circumstances warrant exceeding the quantity established in paragraph (iii) and explain the reasons for the increase to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That, a working lunch be held at the Committee's meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Horticultural Sector and Tobacco Producers.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas Committee Clerk

2006/12/11 12:41 p.m.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Terminator Seeds.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Bruce Johnson to the position of Director of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on October 30, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Ken Motiuk to the position of Director of the Board of Directors of The Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on September 29, 2006.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon, Robert Thibault.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don H. Bell for Paul Steckle,
Barry Devolin for Jacques Gourde,
Roger Gaudet for André Bellavance,
Hon. Ralph Goodale for Hon. Robert Thibault,
Ed Komarnicki for Jacques Gourde,
Ted Menzies for David Anderson,
Hon. Anita Neville for Paul Steckle,
and Brian Storseth for Larry Miller.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Myron Thompson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Richard Rumas, Committee Clerk; Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Library of Parliament:

Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Glyn Chancey, Director, Plant Production Division; Stephen Yarrow, Director, Plant Biosafety Office.

CropLife Canada:

Denise Dewar, Executive Director, Plant Biotechnology.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Adrian Measner, President; Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; Bruce Johnson, Director; Ken Motiuk, Director.

### EcoNexus:

Dr. Ricarda Steinbrecher, Co-Director.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Don H. Bell for Paul Steckle, Barry Devolin for Jacques Gourde, Roger Gaudet for André Bellavance, Hon. Ralph Goodale for Hon. Robert Thibault, Ed Komarnicki for Jacques Gourde, Ted Menzies for David Anderson, Hon. Anita Neville for Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth for Larry Miller.

Associate Members present: Myron Thompson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst. House of Commons: Richard Rumas, Committee Clerk; Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services. Library of Parliament: Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Glyn Chancey, Director, Plant Production Division; Stephen Yarrow, Director, Plant Biosafety Office. CropLife Canada: Denise Dewar, Executive Director, Plant Biotechnology. Canadian Wheat Board: Adrian Measner, President; Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; Bruce Johnson, Director; Ken Motiuk, Director. EcoNexus: Dr. Ricarda Steinbrecher, Co-Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Terminator Seeds.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

David Anderson moved, — That, Mr. Jim Chatenay be invited at the table as a witness.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

James Bezan moved, — That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, report to the House the following recommendation: the Government of Canada bring forward immediate legislative changes to the Canada Transportation Act that fulfill the agreements reached between Transport Canada and shippers on May 5, 2006, including the initiation of a review of the level of service being provided by railways.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Bruce Johnson to the position of Director of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on October 30, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Ken Motiuk to the position of Director of the Board of Directors of The Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on September 29, 2006.

Wayne Easter moved, — That, the appointee Mr. Bruce Johnson as failed to respond to the concerns of the Committee with respect to demonstrating of qualifications necessary to fulfill its requirements expected of an appointee to the Board of Directors mainly to act in the best interests of the Canadian Wheat Board.

James Bezan moved, — That the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agrifood on November 28, 2006 concerning supplementary import permits for beef and veal be amended and corrected to replace the number 76,400 tonnes with the number 1,500 metric tonnes.

At 1:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/12 8:35

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: Gerry Ritz.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing from Pest Management Regulation Agency

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRFSENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Robert Thibault.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leon Benoit and Ken Epp.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:
Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar;
Karen Dodds, Executive Director.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Leon Benoit and Ken Epp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar; Karen Dodds, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing from Pest Management Regulation Agency

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of James Bezan, it was agreed, — That, the Committee reports the following recommendation to the House:

That the Minister of Health responsible for the Pest Management Regulation Agency maintain the existing own use program for the next two crop years while working toward the implementation of a better and more producer-friendly Grower Requested Own Use Program.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Clerk of the Committee: Carol Chafe.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, February 1, 2007



#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Michael D. Chong for Larry Miller, John Maloney for Hon. Charles Hubbard, and Bev Shipley for Barry Devolin.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.



Meeting No. 34

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Jean-Yves Roy and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Michael D. Chong for Larry Miller, John Maloney for Hon. Charles Hubbard and Bev Shipley for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bev Shipley, it was agreed, — That James Bezan be elected Chair of the Committee.

James Bezan took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

André Bellavance moved, — That, in accordance with Standing Order 108 (1), the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food ask, as soon as possible, the Minister of International Trade, the Honourable David Emerson, to appear before the Committee to state his position on the supply management system.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, John Maloney, Jean-Yves Roy, Bev Shipley, Paul Steckle — 9; NAYS: David Anderson, Michael D. Chong — 2.

It was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be permitted to move the motion on notice of Larry Miller.

Paul Steckle moved, — That the Committee recommend that the Minister of Agriculture add locations for the public consultations to be held on the Next Generation of Agriculture and Agri-Food policy and that, those locations be in more rural and accessible areas to the farming community, including Central and Northwestern Ontario and the Quebec City area.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 4:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:12 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Karen Dodds to appear on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, on matters relating to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) / Own Use Import Program (OUI).

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite representatives from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Meat Council to appear in relation to the new ban on Specified Risk Materials (SRMs) on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Steve Verheul, Chief Agricultural Negotiator to provide an update on the status of current trade issues on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe Clerk of the Committee

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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 8, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Issues related to the Farm Equipment Industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Barry Devolin,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Bouchard for Roger Gaudet, Jean-Claude D'Amours for Ken Boshcoff, and Bev Shipley for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

North American Equipment Dealers Association: Bob Frazee, President.

Association of Equipment Manufacturers:
Howard Mains, Canadian Public Policy Advisor.

Association des marchands de machines aratoires de la province de Québec:

Peter Maurice, Director General.

Canada West Equipment Dealers Association:
John Schmeiser, Executive Vice-President;
Duane Smith, First Vice-President.

Canada East Equipment Dealers Association:

Doug Tibben, Director, North American Equipment Dealers
Association.



Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Roger Gaudet, Jean-Claude D'Amours for Ken Boshcoff and Bev Shipley for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: North American Equipment Dealers Association: Bob Frazee, President. Association of Equipment Manufacturers: Howard Mains, Canadian Public Policy Advisor. Association des marchands de machines aratoires de la province de Québec: Peter Maurice, Director General. Canada West Equipment Dealers Association: John Schmeiser, Executive Vice-President; Duane Smith, First Vice-President. Canada East Equipment Dealers Association: Doug Tibben, Director, North American Equipment Dealers Association.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Issues related to the Farm Equipment Industry.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That in the absence of Wayne Easter, consideration of his motion be postponed to Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

The Chair presented the Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Committee adopt the following work plan to the end of April 2007:

- Thursday, February 8 Issues related to the farm equipment industry
- Tuesday, February 13 Follow-up on Own Use Import Program (OUI)
- Thursday, February 15 Specified Risk Management (SRMs) Ban Implementation, July 2007

- Tuesday, February 20 Status Report on Trade Issues with Mr. Steve Verheul, Chief Agricultural Negotiator
- Thursday, February 22 Dairy Ingredients Study
- Tuesday, February 27 First hour of meeting: Canadian Wheat Board hearings with Ms. Mary-Lynne Charlton, President, Charlton Communications; Mr. Greg Arason and David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food; Second hour of the meeting Consideration of a draft report on the Canadian Wheat Board
- Thursday, March 1 Biofuels Study
- $\bullet$  Tuesday, March 20 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Biofuels Study; 7:00 pm 9:00 pm Impact of the Farm Income Crisis
- Thursday, March 22 Biofuels Study
- March 26 to 30 Western Canada hearings on the Next Generation of Agriculture and Agri-food Policy – emphasis on Business Risk Management
- April 10 to 13 Eastern Canada hearings on the Next Generation of Agriculture and Agri-food Policy
   emphasis on Business Risk Management
- April 16 to 18 Travel to Washington, DC on the US Farm Bill
- Tuesday April 24 Follow up on the Pork Industry Crisis
- Thursday, April 26 Follow up on the Terminator Seeds (GURTS);

That the Committee add any additional meetings to deal with urgent requests for hearings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings;

That the Committee agree to request an additional \$16,000 to cover expenses related to Order in Council appointments to the end of March 31, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the recommendations contained in the Report be amended by moving the Study on Dairy Ingredients from February 22, 2007 to follow the meeting with Mr. Steve Verheul, Chief Agricultural Negociator at 4:30 on February 20, 2007 and, that the Study on the Impact of the Farm Income Crisis be moved from Tuesday, March 20, 2007 to Thursday, February 22, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the Report as amended to serve as a guideline for the Committee's workplan to the end of April 2007.

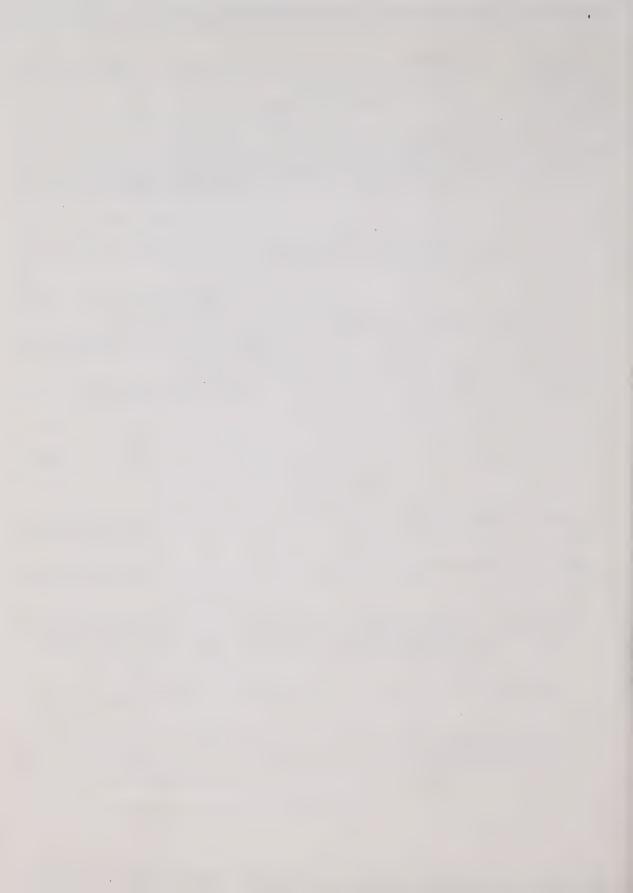
It was further agreed, — That the Committee invite Craig Hunter from the Canadian Horticultural Council and Gordon Bacon, Chief Executive Officer, Pulse Canada, to appear with Dr. Karen Dodds of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 on the Own Use Program and the Use of Strychnine in Western Canada.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

### Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Own Use Import Program.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marc LeBlanc, Analyst;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:
Karen Dodds, Executive Director.

Canadian Horticultural Council:
Craig Hunter, Expert Advisor.

Pulse Canada:
Gordon Bacon, Chief Executive Officer.



Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marc LeBlanc, Analyst; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Karen Dodds, Executive Director. Canadian Horticultural Council: Craig Hunter, Expert Advisor. Pulse Canada: Gordon Bacon, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Own Use Import Program.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Wayne Easter moved, — That on January 22, 2007, the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food released the following questions with respect to a barley plebiscite:

- The Canadian Wheat Board should retain the single desk for the marketing of barley into domestic human consumption and export markets.
- I would like the option to market my barley to the Canadian Wheat Board or any other domestic or foreign buyer.
- The Canadian Wheat Board should not have a role in the marketing of barley. The second of the three questions implies that a "dual market" option is a viable alternative to the current monopoly role of the Canadian Wheat Board through its single desk selling feature.

On October 25, 2006, the Task Force appointed by the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food released its report, "Marketing Choice - The Way Forward". At p. 10 of that report there is the following statement: "The latter term (dual marketing) implies to some that the existing marketing approach (a CWB with monopoly powers) could co-exist with an open market approach. This is not possible."

On January 22, 2007, the Minister of Agriculture confirmed that in order to assist "producers to make an informed decision" he had retained the services of three individuals, one of which is Dr. Murray Fulton of the University of Saskatchewan. The task of this group is to write a "short, objective description of

each question" which will be provided to producers.

In November 2006, Dr. Fulton released a study entitled, "The Canadian Wheat Board in an Open Market: The Impact of Removing the single desk selling powers". On p. 11 of that study Dr. Fulton stated: "A dual marketing structure is not viable because of the incentives that are creasted as a consequence of the nature of the dual market. Interestingly, since a dual market is not viable, farmers will ultimately have no choice between marketing through a pool and marketing through the open market. Only the open market option will exist."

Therefore, given the fact that both the Minister's task force and Dr. Fulton, whom the Minister has retained to provide advice, concur on the lack of viability of the "dual market" option which is suggested as possible in the second of the three questions presented by the Minister:

this Committee recommends the following:

- 1. That the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the questions released on January 22, 2007 upon which barley producers in western Canada are expected to vote on their future relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board and;
- 2. Immediately implement the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food, by placing before wheat and barley producers of western Canada who have a relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board, the questions contained within that report.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "At p. 10 of that report there is the following statement: "The latter term (dual marketing) implies to some that the existing marketing approach (a CWB with monopoly powers) could co-exist with an open market approach. This is not possible." with the following:

"The latter term implies to some that the existing marketing approach (a CWB with monopoly powers) could co-exist with an open market approach. This is not possible. Marketing choice implies an open market in which CWB II, as an entity operating in that open market, will be a vigourous participant through which producers could voluntarily choose to market their grain. To achieve this, the existing CWB will need to transform itself over a transition period into an environment where it will have to compete for business. One of our four focuses has been on creating the environment for a high probability of commercial success for CWB II".

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That consideration of the amendment be postponed until Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 3:15 p.m..

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 15, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Specified Risk Material's ban implementation in July 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Animal Nutrition Association of Canada: Kathleen Sullivan, Executive Director.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Dennis Laycraft, Executive Director;
Brad Wildeman, Vice-President.

Canadian Meat Council:
Jim Laws, Executive Director.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:
Kevin Golding, President, Rothsay.



Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:15 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Animal Nutrition Association of Canada: Kathleen Sullivan, Executive Director. Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Dennis Laycraft, Executive Director; Brad Wildeman, Vice-President. Canadian Meat Council: Jim Laws, Executive Director. Maple Leaf Foods Inc.: Kevin Golding, President, Rothsay.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business and the first amendment of David Anderson to the motion of Wayne Easter.

- "On January 22, 2007 the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food released the following questions with respect to a barley plebiscite:
- The Canadian Wheat Board should retain the single desk for the marketing of barley into domestic human consumption and export markets.
- I would like the option to market my barley to the Canadian Wheat Board or any other domestic or foreign buyer.
- The Canadian Wheat Board should not have a role in the marketing of barley. The second of the three questions implies that a "dual market" option is a viable alternative to the current monopoly role of the Canadian Wheat Board through its single desk selling feature.

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On January 22, 2007 the Minister of Agriculture confirmed that in order to assist "producers to make an informed decision" he had retained the services of three individuals, one of which is Dr. Murray Fulton of the University of Saskatchewan. The task of this group is to write a "short, objective description of each question" which will be provided to producers.

In November 2006, Dr. Fulton released a study entitled, "The Canadian Wheat Board in an Open Market: The Impact of Removing the single desk selling powers". On p. 11 of that study Dr. Fulton stated: "A dual marketing structure is not viable because of the incentives that are created as a

consequence of the nature of the dual market. Interestingly, since a dual market is not viable, farmers will ultimately have no choice between marketing through a pool and marketing through the open market. Only the open market option will exist."

Therefore, given the fact that both the Minister's task force and Dr. Fulton, whom the Minister has retained to provide advice, concur on the lack of viability of the "dual market" option which is suggested as possible in the second of the three questions presented by the Minister:

this Committee recommends the following:

- 1. That the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the questions released on January 22, 2007 upon which barley producers in western Canada are expected to vote on their future relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board and
- 2. Immediately implement the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food, by placing before wheat and barley producers of western Canada who have a relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board, the questions contained within that report."

David Anderson resumed debate on his first amendment and then moved the following amendments be included with his first amendment and that the whole be treated as a single amendment

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "At p.10 of that report there is the following statement: "The latter term (dual marketing) implies to some that the existing marketing approach (a CWB with monopoly powers) could co-exist with an open market approach. This is not possible" with the words "The latter term the latter term implies to some that the existing marketing approach a Marketing choice implies an open market in which CWB II, an entity operating in that open market, will be a vigorous participant through which producers could voluntarily choose to market their grain. To achieve this, the existing CWB will need to transform itself over a transition period into an environment where it will have to compete for business. One of our four focuses has been on creating the environment for a high probability of commercial success for CWB II".

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word

- (b) "Only the open market option will exist.", the following: "Mr. Fulton's comments reflect his opinion but are no more relevant than any other witness, several of whom told us that they need marketing choice in order to maximize their returns. Many of them have expressed a belief that there is a place for a viable voluntary CWB. In fact the direction of the whole Task Force Report is to give suggestions on how we can move towards a system under which a voluntary Wheat Board would operate. In a commentary published last summer, ('Dual Market Denial', July 26, 2006), Mr. Rolf Penner wrote: 'The odds of successfully transitioning the CWB into an open market setting are extremely high".
- (c) by replacing the words "Therefore, given the fact that both the Minister's task force and Dr. Fulton, whom the Minister has retained to provide advice, concur on the lack of viability of the "dual market" option which is suggested as possible in the second of the three questions presented by the Minister:", with the following: "While some growers have expressed concern over whether the CWB an survive as a voluntary barley marketing agency, they need not. The CWB has successfully done this before. In the summer of 1993, farmers were free to market their barley directly to the U.S. or through the CWB. The CWB made a number of changes and successfully participated in the market."

- (d) by replacing the words:
- 1. "That the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the questions released on January 22, 2007 upon which barley producers in western Canada are expected to vote on their future relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board and
- 2. Immediately implement the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food, by placing before wheat and barley producers of western Canada who have a relationship with the Canadian Wheat Board, the questions contained within that report. Within that report." With the following: "That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be commended for his balanced choice of plebiscite question.".

The question was put on the amendment as amended and it was negatived on division.

The question was put on the motion and it was adopted on division.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report with a dissenting opinion to the House.

At 3:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Specified Risk Material's ban implementation in July 2007.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:27 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Minister of Industry, the Hon. David Emerson to appear on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 on his views regarding supply management and, that the meeting on the Canadian Wheat Board originally scheduled for that day be moved to Thursday, March 1, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the appropriate provincial representatives responsible for the implementation of agreements in the tobacco industry and tobacco processors to appear on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 immediately following the appearance of Minister David Emerson.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Ministers of Agriculture and their officials from the federal and provincial governments to discuss the agreements and funding of programs related to the implementation of the SRMs ban on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/22 2:48 p.m.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Jacques Gourde,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Crête for Roger Gaudet, and Paul Zed for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Department of Finance:

Gilles Le Blanc, Senior Chief, International Trade Policy Division, International Trade and Finance.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:
Gerry Salembier, Director General, Multilateral Trade Policy.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Darwin Satherstrom, Director, Trade Programs Directorate.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and
Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

Steve Verheul made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Roger Gaudet and Paul Zed for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety. Department of Finance: Gilles Le Blanc, Senior Chief, International Trade Policy Division, International Trade and Finance. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Gerry Salembier, Director General, Multilateral Trade Policy. Canada Border Services Agency: Darwin Satherstrom, Director, Trade Programs Directorate. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

Steve Verheul made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:24 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Imports of Milk Protein Concentrates.

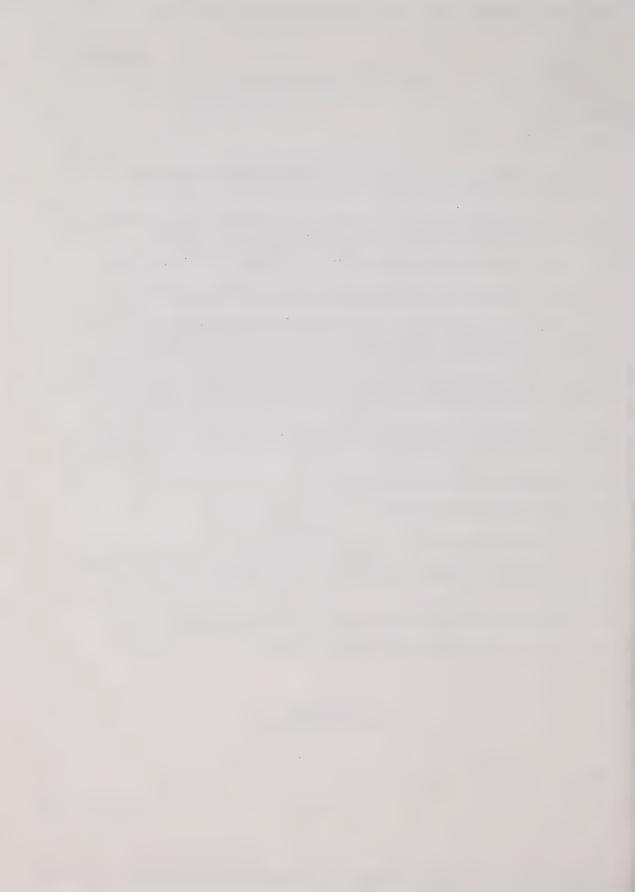
Steve Verheul made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 22, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Charles Hubbard, Rick Norlock for Jacques Gourde, Pauline Picard for Roger Gaudet, and Todd Norman Russell for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Au coeur des familles agricoles: Claude Barnabé, President.

University of Regina:

Annette Aurélie Desmarais, Professor, Department of Justice Studies.

Fédération des agricultrices du Québec: Carmen Ducharme, President.

National Farmers Union:
Grant Robertson, Director, Board of Directors.

Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line: Janet Smith, Program Manager.

BC Grain Producers Association: Jim Smolik, Director.

Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: William Van Tassel, Vice-President.



Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Charles Hubbard, Rick Norlock for Jacques Gourde, Pauline Picard for Roger Gaudet and Todd Norman Russell for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Au coeur des familles agricoles: Claude Barnabé, President. University of Regina: Annette Aurélie Desmarais, Professor, Department of Justice Studies. Fédération des agricultrices du Québec: Carmen Ducharme, President. National Farmers Union: Grant Robertson, Director, Board of Directors. Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line: Janet Smith, Program Manager. BC Grain Producers Association: Jim Smolick, Director. Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: William Van Tassel, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Agricultural Policy Framework - Impact of Farm Income Crisis.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt its budget of \$38 100 for its study of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold an informal meeting with the delegates attending the Canadian Young Farmers' Forum Annual meeting from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present to the House the report based on the motion of Wayne Easter, with a dissenting opinion on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

At 5:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/23 1:14 p.m.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the Supply Management System.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard
and Larry Miller.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### APPEARING:

Hon. David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics; Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (International Trade):

John Gero, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy and Negotiations Branch.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

The Ministers made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard and Larry Miller.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics; Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (International Trade): John Gero, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy and Negotiations Branch. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing on the Supply Management System.

The Ministers made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Committee limit the number of witnesses to four at the table at one time.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and researchers prepare draft travel plans for the Committee's cross Canada hearings on the Agricultural Framework Policy for decision on the return of the Committee in March.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Specified Risk Material's ban implementation in July 2007.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

### **WITNESSES:**

## Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Susie Miller, Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch.

## Agriculture and Agri-food Canada:

Graham Clarke, Director, Animal Industry Division.

#### Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada; Freeman Libby, National Director, Feed Ban Task Force.

### Government of Alberta:

John Donner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Food Safety Sector, Department of Agriculture and Food; Gerald Hauer, Assistant Chief to the Provincial Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

## Government of Manitoba:

Allan Preston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

## Government of Saskatchewan:

Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food; Paul Johnson, Manager, Economic & Commodity Analysis, Policy

Branch, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

## Alberta Bio-Refining Technologies Ltd.:

David Horner, President.

#### Ranchers Meat Inc.:

Stan Schellenberger, President.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Susie Miller, Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch. Agriculture and Agri-food Canada: Graham Clarke, Director, Animal Industry Division. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada; Freeman Libby, National Director, Feed Ban Task Force. Government of Alberta: John Donner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food; Gerald Hauer, Assistant Chief to the Provincial Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food. Government of Manitoba: Allan Preston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. Government of Saskatchewan: Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food; Paul Johnson, Manager, Economic & Commodity Analysis, Policy Branch, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food. Alberta Bio-Refining Technologies Ltd.: David Horner, President. Ranchers Meat Inc.: Stan Schellenberger, President.

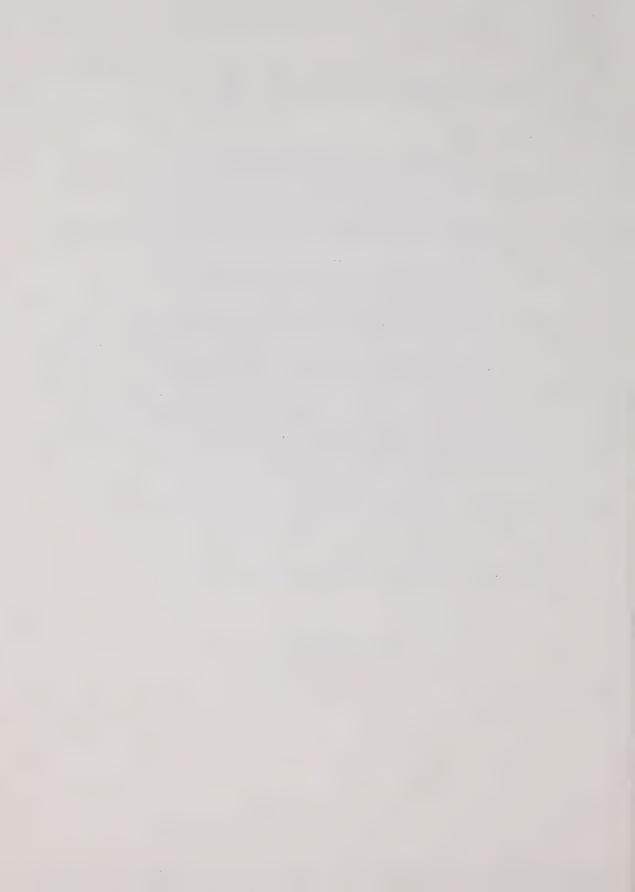
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Specified Risk Material's ban implementation in July 2007.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/01 10:28 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 1, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Serge Cardin for Roger Gaudet, Claude DeBellefeuille for Roger Gaudet, John Maloney for Ken Boshcoff, and Ted Menzies for Barry Devolin.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Serge Cardin for Roger Gaudet, Claude DeBellefeuille for Roger Gaudet, John Maloney for Ken Boshcoff and Ted Menzies for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Canadian Wheat Board.

Greg Arason and David Anderson made statements and answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/02 2:50 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

It was agreed, — That the Committee deal with its future business prior to proceeding to consideration of its draft report on the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the draft budget for the Committee's study of the implementation of the total ban on Specific Risk Materials totaling \$18,800 be adopted.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of a draft itinerary and budget for its proposed travel to Western Canada from April 15 to 19, 2007, as part of its study of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft itinerary and budget for the Committee's travel to Penticton, British Columbia; Olds, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Gimli, Manitoba from April 15 to 19, 2007. The budget not to exceed \$129,900 and to enable 10 members and the necessary staff to travel on this study and that the Chair be instructed to present the budget to the Budget Sub-Committee for approval.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to prepared a draft itinerary and budget for the Committee's travel to Truro, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Fredericton, New Brunswick; Montmagny, Quebec and Stratford, Ontario from April 22 to 26, 2007, as part of its study of the Agricultural Policy Framework for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. That the draft budget include appropriate amounts for the participation of 10 members and the necessary staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the draft report on the Canadian Wheat Board.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/21 2:50 p.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, March 22, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Pork Council:
Clare Schlegel, President.

Canadian Pork Council Safety Net Committee: Stephen Moffett, Chair.

Canadian Sheep Federation:
Jennifer Fleming, Executive Director.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Travis Toews, Director and Vice-Chair, Domestic Agricultural Policy; Ryder Lee, Policy Analyst.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 44

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Pork Council: Clare Schlegel, President. Canadian Pork Council Safety Net Committee: Stephen Moffett, Chair. Canadian Sheep Federation: Jennifer Fleming, Executive Director. Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Travis Toews, Director and Vice-Chair, Domestic Agricultural Policy; Ryder Lee, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Business Risk Management.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to consideration of its future business in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft itinerary and budget for its travel to Truro, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Fredericton, New Brunswick; Montmagny, Québec and Stratford, Ontario from April 22 to 26, 2007 in relation to its study of the Agricultural Policy Framework and that the budget not exceed \$103,015 to enable 10 members and the necessary staff to travel on this study and, that the Chair be instructed to present the budget to the Budget Sub-Committee for approval.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food be invited to appear on the Main Estimates for the year April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and that officials from the Department of Agriculture be invited to appear from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It was agreed, — That officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency be invited to appear on the Main Estimates for the year April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 on Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/26 12:17 p.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Soybean Council: Jim Gowland, Chair.

Grain Growers of Canada:
Ross Ravelli, President;
Richard Phillips, Executive Director.

Canadian Seed Growers Association: Barry Reisner, Past-President.

Ontario Soybean Growers:

Arden Schneckenburger, Second Vice-Chair.

Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: Peter Tuinema, President.

Federation of Quebec Producers of Cash Crops: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In at: 'ndance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Wim sses: Canadian Soybean Council: Jim Gowland, Chair. Grain Growers of Canada: Ross Ravelli, President; Richard Phillips, Executive Director. Canadian Seed Growers Association: Barry Reisner, Past-President. Ontario Soybean Growers: Arden Schneckenburger, Second Vice-Chair. Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: Peter Tuinema, President. Federation of Quebec Producers of Cash Crops: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Business Risk Management.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/28 12:31 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 29, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Bouchard for André Bellavance, and Hon. Albina Guarnieri for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

### Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Union des producteurs agricoles:

Denis Bilodeau, Second Vice-President; Gilbert Lavoie, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch.

 ${\it Canadian Federation of Agriculture:}$ 

Bob Friesen, President.

Canadian Bankers Association:

Bob Funk, Vice-president, Bank of Nova Scotia; Brian Little, Head of Agriculture and Agri-business, RBC Financial Group.

Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:

Dave MacKay, Executive Director; Ian McNeill, President.

National Farmers Union:

Darrin Qualman, Director of Research; Stewart Wells, President.

Bob Friesen, Denis Bilodeau, Gilbert Lavoie and Stuart Wells made statements and, with Darrin Qualman, answered questions.

Ian McNeill and Brian Little made statements and, with Dave MacKay and Bob Funk, answered questions.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for André Bellavance and Hon. Albina Guarnieri for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Union des producteurs agricoles: Denis Bilodeau, Second Vice-President; Gilbert Lavoie, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. Canadian Bankers Association: Bob Funk, Vice-president, Bank of Nova Scotia; Brian Little, Head of Agriculture and Agri-business, RBC Financial Group. Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers: Dave MacKay, Executive Director; Ian McNeill, President. National Farmers Union: Darrin Qualman, Director of Research; Stewart Wells, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Business Risk Management.

Bob Friesen, Denis Bilodeau, Gilbert Lavoie and Stuart Wells made statements and, with Darrin Qualman, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

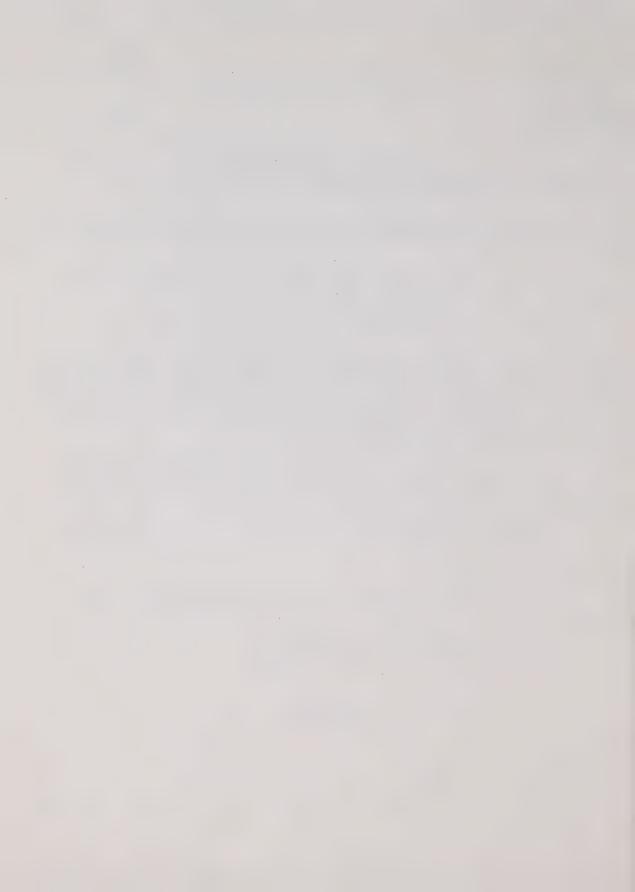
At 4:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ian McNeill and Brian Little made statements and, with Dave MacKay and Bob Funk, answered questions.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/30 5:07 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Harris for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

- Southern Interior Stockmen's Association: Linda Allison.
- British Columbia Landscape & Nursery Association:
  Hedy Dyck, Contract Industry Coordinator, Nursery Industry
  Development;
  Tim Loewen, Growers Chair.
- British Columbia Grain Producers Association: Ross Ravelli, Director.
- BC Fruit Growers Association: Joe Sardinha.
- British Colombia Fruit Growers Association: Glen Lucas, General Manager.
- British Columbia Agriculture Council:
  Steve Thomson, Executive Director.
- British Columbia Growers Association: Hans Buchler, Director.
- British Columbia Cattlemen's Association: Ernie Willis.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:40 a.m. this day, in Salon D, Penticton Lakeside Resort Convention Centre, Penticton, British Columbia, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Southern Interior Stockmen's Association: Linda Allison. British Columbia Landscape & Nursery Association: Hedy Dyck, Contract Industry Coordinator, Nursery Industry Development; Tim Loewen, Growers Chair. British Columbia Grain Producers Association: Ross Ravelli, Director. BC Fruit Growers Association: Joe Sardinha. British Colombia Fruit Growers Association: Glen Lucas, General Manager. British Columbia Agriculture Council: Steve Thomson, Executive Director. British Columbia Growers Association: Hans Buchler, Director. British Columbia Cattlemen's Association: Ernie Willis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

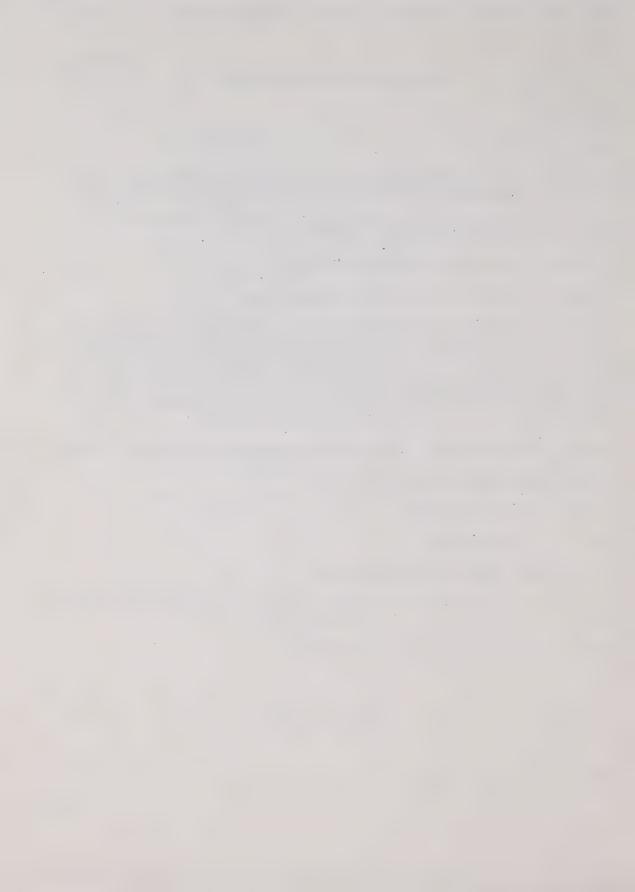
The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, the rounds of questionning would be of 5 minutes for per member.

At 11:36 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 11:33 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 48

Monday, April 16, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Harris for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Delta Farmers' Institute:

John Savage, President;
Bob Butler.

Okanagan Kootenay Cherry Growers Association: Greg Norton.

British Columbia Milk Producers Association: Lorne Hunter, Director.

> Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 48

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Salon D, Penticton Lakeside Resort Convention Centre, Penticton, British Columbia, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Delta Farmers' Institute: John Savage, President; Bob Butler. Okanagan Kootenay Cherry Growers Association: Greg Norton. British Columbia Milk Producers Association: Lorne Hunter, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 11:34 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Myron Thompson for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Alberta Beef Producers:

Erik Butters, Chairman; Rich Smith, Environmental Manager.

Canadian Young Farmers' Association: Leona Dargis, Member.

Wildrose Agricultural Producers: Bill Dobson, President.

Western Barley Growers Association:

Douglas McBain, Past-President and Director.

Alberta Pork:

Jurgen Preugschas, Chairman; Ed Schultz, General Manager.

Agri-Trend:

Robert Saik, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Animal Health Coalition:

Matt Taylor, Executive Director; Duane Landals, Director.

Alberta Barley Commission:

Darcy Kirtzinger, Policy & Research Coordinator.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in the Alumni Centre, Olds College, Olds, Alberta, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Myron Thompson for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Alberta Beef Producers: Erik Butters, Chairman; Rich Smith, Environmental Manager. Canadian Young Farmers' Association: Leona Dargis, Member. Wildrose Agricultural Producers: Bill Dobson, President. Western Barley Growers Association: Douglas McBain, Past-President and Director. Alberta Pork: Jurgen Preugschas, Chairman; Ed Schultz, General Manager. Agri-Trend: Robert Saik, President and Chief Executive Officer. Canadian Animal Health Coalition: Matt Taylor, Executive Director; Duane Landals, Director. Alberta Barley Commission: Darcy Kirtzinger, Policy & Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, the time given to question the witnesses be of 5 minutes per member.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 11:35 a.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Myron Thompson for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Alberta Grain and Oil Seeds Crisis Advocacy Trust: LeRoy Fjordbotten, Chair; Lorne Darlington, Executive Director.

Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission:
Lynn Jacobson, President;
Everett Tanis, Treasurer.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Stephen Vandervalk, Vice-President.

As an Individual:

Brenda Schoepp.



Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:12 p.m. this day, in the Alumni Centre, Olds College, Olds, Alberta, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Myron Thompson for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Alberta Grain and Oil Seeds Crisis Advocacy Trust: Leroy Fjordbotten, Chair; Lorne Darlington, Executive Director. Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission: Lynn Jacobson, President; Everett Tanis, Treasurer. Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Stephen Vandervalk, Vice-President. As an individual: Brenda Schoepp.

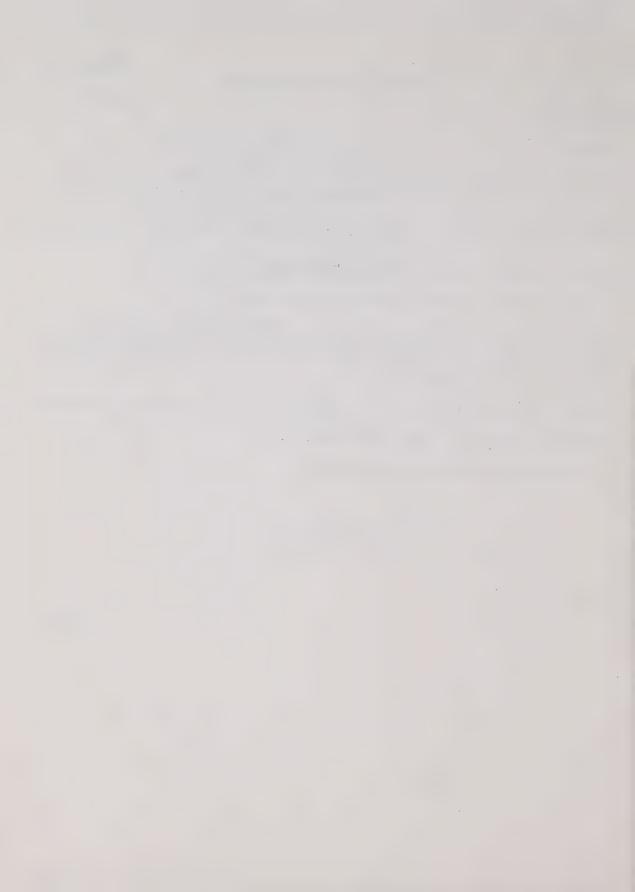
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 11:35 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bradley R. Trost for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Canola Growers Association: Wayne Bacon, President.

Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Association: Wayne Goerzen, Executive Director.

Western Cervid Rancher's Association: Roger Holland, President.

Saskatchewan Pork Development Board: Neil Ketilson, General Manager.

Canadian Bison Association:
Terry Kremeniuk, Executive Director.

Western Cervid Rancher's Association: Richard Mardell, Director.

Possberg Grain Farms Inc.:
Kenton Possberg, President.

Canadian Bison Association:
Mark Silzer, President.

Farm Pure Inc.:
John Treleaven.

Saskatchewan Pork Development Board: Shirley Volden, Vice-Chair.



Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:34 a.m. this day, in the Canadian Room, Saskatoon Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Bradley R. Trost for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Canola Growers Association: Wayne Bacon, President. Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Association: Wayne Goerzen, Executive Director. Western Cervid Rancher's Association: Roger Holland, President. Saskatchewan Pork Development Board: Neil Ketilson, General Manager. Canadian Bison Association: Terry Kremeniuk, Executive Director. Western Cervid Rancher's Association: Richard Mardell, Director. Possberg Grain Farms Inc.: Kenton Possberg, President. Canadian Bison Association: Mark Silzer, President. Farm Pure Inc.: John Treleaven. Saskatchewan Pork Development Board: Shirley Volden, Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

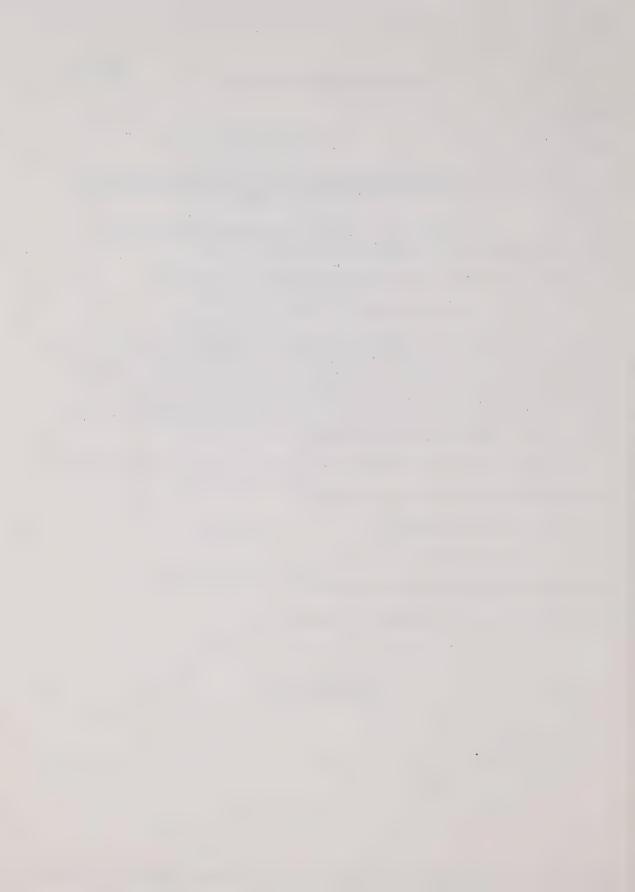
At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/20 1:01 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bradley R. Trost for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

 $A gricultural\ Producers\ Association\ of\ Sask at chewan:$ 

Ken McBride, President; Lynette Keyowski, Executive Director.

Canadian Wheat Board:
Ian McCreary, Director, District 6.

Weber Commodities:
Larry Weber, Risk Management.

Pound-Maker:
Brad Wildeman, President.



Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in the Canadian Room, Saskatoon Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Bradley R. Trost for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan: Ken McBride, President; Lynette Keyowski, Executive Director. Canadian Wheat Board: Ian McCreary, Director, District 6. Weber Commodities: Larry Weber, Risk Management. Pound-Maker: Brad Wildeman, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/20 1:02 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 19, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Manitoba Corn Growers Association Inc.: Bob Bartley, Director.

Manitoba Canola Growers Association: Brian Chorney, President.

Manitoba Pork Council:

Andrew Dickson, General Manager.

Bifrost Bio-Blends:

Roy Eyjolfson, Project Manager;

Denis Kaprawy, President.

Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation:

Neil Hamilton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Manitoba Pulse Growers Association Inc.: Tammy Jones, Executive Director; Lincoln Wolfe, President.

Canadian Horticultural Council:

Keith Kuhl, Chairman, Potato Committee.

Manitoba Cattle Producers Association: Martin Unrau, President.



Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:37 a.m. this day, in the Lakeview A & B, Lakeview Resort & Gimli Conference Centre, Gimli, Manitoba, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Manitoba Corn Growers Association Inc.: Bob Bartley, Director. Manitoba Canola Growers Association: Brian Chorney, President. Manitoba Pork Council: Andrew Dickson, General Manager. Bifrost Bio-Blends: Roy Eyjolfson, Project Manager; Denis Kaprawy, President. Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation: Neil Hamilton, President and Chief Executive Officer. Manitoba Pulse Growers Association Inc.: Tammy Jones, Executive Director; Lincoln Wolfe, President. Canadian Horticultural Council: Keith Kuhl, Chairman, Potato Committee. Manitoba Cattle Producers Association: Martin Unrau, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, the time given for questionning of the witnesses will be of 5 minutes per member.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

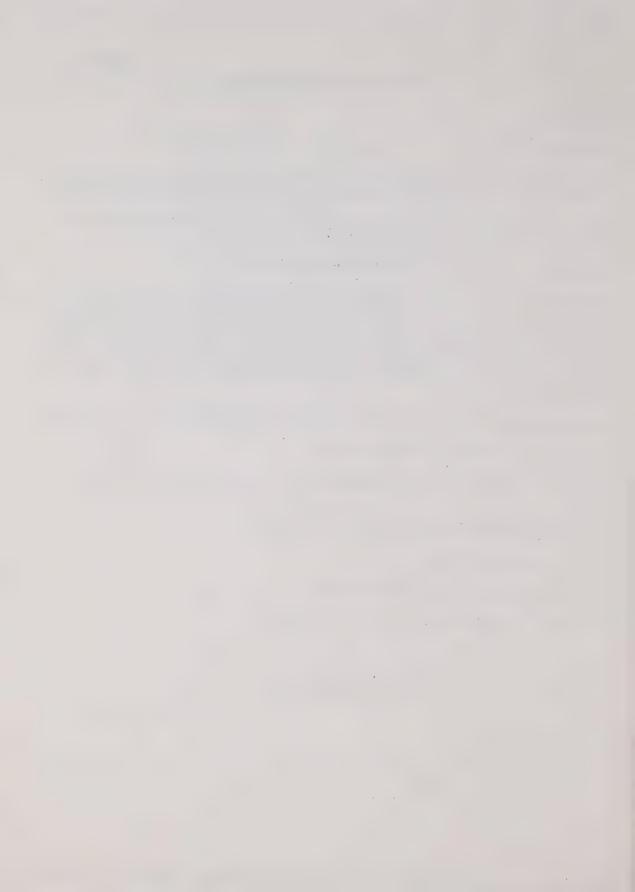
At 10:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 11:37 a.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, April 19, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Ducks Unlimited Canada:

Greg Bruce, Head, Industry and Government Relations; Cynthia Edwards, National Manager, Industry and Government Relations.

- Keystone Agricultural Producers' (KAP) Young Farmers Committee: Rob Brunell, President.
- Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.:
  Jennifer Hillard, Research Director.
- Manitoba Chicken Producers:
  Wayne Hiltz, General Manager.
- Government of Manitoba:

  Lorne Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.
- Keystone Agricultural Producers: David Rolfe, President.
- Alternative Land Use Services:

  Bob Sopuck, Vice-President, Delta Waterfowl Foundation.
- Dairy Farmers of Manitoba:
  Bill Swan, Board Member, District 5.
- Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.: Florence Watson, Member.
- Pulse Canada:
  Peter Watts, Director, Market Innovation.
- University of Manitoba:

  Karin Wittenberg, Associate, Faculty of Agricultural and Food
  Sciences.
- Pulse Canada:
  Greg Cherewyk, Director of Market Development.
- Manitoba Chicken Producers: Waldie Klassen, Chairman.
- Alternative Land Use Services:
  Ian Wishart, Vice-President.



Meeting No. 54

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the Lakeview A & B, Lakeview Resort & Gimli Conference Centre, Gimli, Manitoba, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Ducks Unlimited Canada: Greg Bruce, Head, Industry and Government Relations; Cynthia Edwards, National Manager, Industry and Government Relations. Keystone Agricultural Producers' (KAP) Young Farmers Committee: Rob Brunell, President. Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.: Jennifer Hillard, Research Director. Manitoba Chicken Producers: Wayne Hiltz, General Manager. Government of Manitoba: Lorne Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. Keystone Agricultural Producers: David Rolfe, President. Alternative Land Use Services: Bob Sopuck, Vice-President, Delta Waterfowl Foundation. Dairy Farmers of Manitoba: Bill Swan, Board Member, District 5. Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.: Florence Watson, Member. Pulse Canada: Peter Watts, Director, Market Innovation. University of Manitoba: Karin Wittenberg, Associate, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Pulse Canada: Greg Cherewyk, Director of Market Development. Manitoba Chicken Producers: Waldie Klassen, Chairman. Alternative Land Use Services: Ian Wishart, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee asks the clerk to send a notice to local medias in order to announce the Committee's presence next week in Eastern and Central Canada.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/30 9:53 a.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 55

Monday, April 23, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

#### WITNESSES:

Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association: Andrew Bishop, President. Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia: Havey Whidden, Vice-Chair; Brian Cameron, General Manager.

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

David Fuller, Chair.

Nova Scotia Agricultural College: Robert Gordon.

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture: Frazer M. Hunter, Chairman.

Pork Nova Scotia:
Henry Vissers;
Dennis Boudreau, Vice-Chair.

Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers' Forum: Chan Wiseman, President.

Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture: Mervin Wiseman, President.

Nova Scotia Cranberry Growers Association: David Ernst, President.



Meeting No. 55

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in the Salon DEG, Best Western Glengarry, Truro, Nova Scotia, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association: Andrew Bishop, President. Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia: Havey Whidden, Vice-Chair; Brian Cameron, General Manager. Chicken Farmers of Canada: David Fuller, Chair. Nova Scotia Agricultural College: Robert Gordon. Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture: Frazer M. Hunter, Chairman. Pork Nova Scotia: Henry Vissers; Dennis Boudreau, Vice-Chair. Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers' Forum: Chan Wiseman, President. Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture: Mervin Wiseman, President. Nova Scotia Cranberry Growers Association: David Ernst, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Committee observed a minute of silence in memory of Mrs. Jocelyne Couture-Nowak, who lived in Truro and taught at the Agricultural College in Truro.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

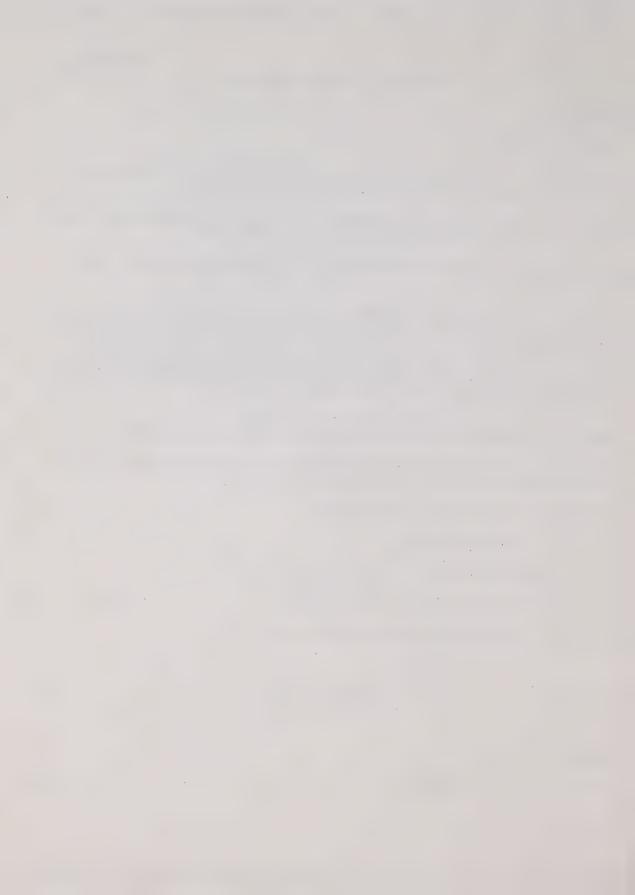
At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:10 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 56

Monday, April 23, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Jean-Denis Fréchette.

House of Commons:

Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

#### WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Prince Edward Island:

### Randall Affleck, Vice-Chair.

Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture:
John Colwill, President;
Mike Nabuurs, Executive Director.

Prince Edward Island Pork:
Willem de Boer, President;
Robert Harding, Executive Director.

Natural Organic Food Group PEI Inc.: Scott Dingwell, Co-Owner.

Atlantic Grains Council:
Allan Ling, President.

National Farmers Union:
Ranald MacFarlane, Regional Coordinator, District 1;
Karen Fyfe, National Women's Vice-President.

Prince Edward Island Potato Board: Kevin MacIsaac, Chairman; Ivan Noonan, General Manager.

Prince Edward Island Cattlemen's Association: Darlene Sanford, President.

Prince Edward Island Young Farmers' Association:
Ryan Weeks, Vice-President;
Maria Smith;
Mark Bernard, Member.

As an Individual:

Doug MacCallum.



Meeting No. 56

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 6:03 p.m. this day, in the North River Room, Howard Johnson Dutch Inn, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-Denis Fréchette. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Dairy Farmers of Prince Edward Island: Randall Affleck, Vice-Chair. Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture: John Colwill, President; Mike Nabuurs, Executive Director. Prince Edward Island Pork: Willem de Boer, President; Robert Harding, Executive Director. Natural Organic Food Group PEI Inc.: Scott Dingwell, Co-Owner. Atlantic Grains Council: Allan Ling, President. National Farmers Union: Ranald MacFarlane, Regional Coordinator, District 1; Karen Fyfe, National Women's Vice-President. Prince Edward Island Potato Board: Kevin MacIsaac, Chairman; Ivan Noonan, General Manager, Prince Edward Island Cattlemen's Association: Darlene Sanford, President, Prince Edward Island Young Farmers' Association: Ryan Weeks, Vice-President; Maria Smith; Mark Bernard, Member. As an individual: Doug MacCallum.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 7:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

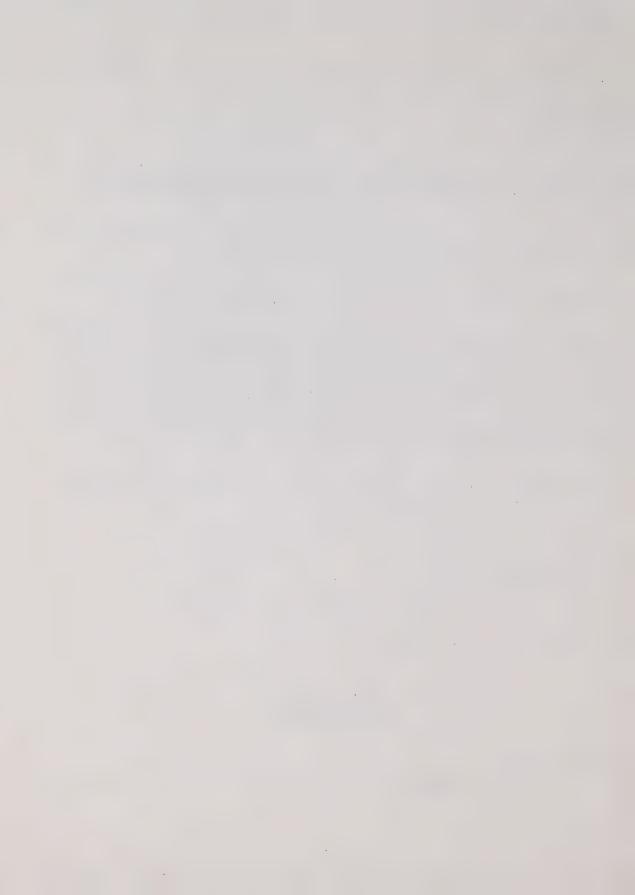
At 7:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 9:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:10 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

#### WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Don Bettle.

Eastern Greenway Oils Inc.:

Ray Carmichael, Business Development Manager; Stephen London, Secretary.

Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick:
Charline Cormier, Chief Executive Officer;
Vince Kilfoil, First Vice-President.

New Brunswick Egg Producers:
Mark Durnnian

Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick:
Reint-Jan Dykstra, Chairman;
Reginald Perry, Vice-Chairman.

Potatoes New Brunswick:

Robert Gareau, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

Justin Gaudet; Robert Speer, Dairy Producer.

Porc NB Pork:

Tony van de Brand, Director; Stephen Moffett, Director.

Young Farmers Individuals: Jens van der Heide.



Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in the St-John Room, Crowne Plaza Fredericton Lord Beaverbrook, Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: As an individual: Don Bettle. Eastern Greenway Oils Inc.: Ray Carmichael, Business Development Manager; Stephen London, Secretary. Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick: Charline Cormier, Chief Executive Officer; Vince Kilfoil, First Vice-President. New Brunswick Egg Producers: Mark Durnnian. Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick: Reint-Jan Dykstra, Chairman; Reginald Perry, Vice-Chairman. Potatoes New Brunswick: Robert Gareau, Executive Director. As individuals: Justin Gaudet; Robert Speer, Dairy Producer. Porc NB Pork: Tony van de Brand, Director; Stephen Moffett, Director. Young Farmers Individuals: Jens van der Heide.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:33 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Due to the absence of Mr. Bezan, Vice-Chair Paul Steckle, took the Chair.

At 11:35, James Bezan took the Chair.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Wayne Easter, seconded by Larry Miller, moved, — That, the Chair send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to include the Producers on the May 15, 2007 meeting or find a date to accommodate Producers.

At 1:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2007/05/03 12:10 p.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Crête for Roger Gaudet.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

#### WITNESSES:

Union des producteurs agricoles de la Côte-du-Sud:

Hervé Dancause, President, Comité des finances et de l'assurance Agricole;

Charles Proulx, President, Comité de l'aménagement du territoire, de l'environnement et de la faune; Louis J. Desjardins, President.

Union des producteurs agricoles de Lotbinière-Mégantic: Maurice Vigneault, President.

Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec:
Benoit Martin, President;
Jean-Philippe Deschênes-Gilbert, Secretary.

Quebec Federation of Maple Syrup Producers: Pierre Lemieux, President.

Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Québec: Hélène Méthot, Researcher.

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Hervé Bernier, Director.



Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:39 a.m. this day, in the Le Grand Duc Room, L'Oiselière Hotel, Montmagny, Québec, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Roger Gaudet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Union des producteurs agricoles de la Côte-du-Sud: Hervé Dancause, President, Comité des finances et de l'assurance Agricole; Charles Proulx, President, Comité de l'aménagement du territoire, de l'environnement et de la faune; Louis J. Desjardins, President. Union des producteurs agricoles de Lotbinière-Mégantic: Maurice Vigneault, President. Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec: Benoit Martin, President; Jean-Philippe Deschênes-Gilbert, Secretary. Quebec Federation of Maple Syrup Producers: Pierre Lemieux, President. Centre d'expertise en production ovine du Québec: Hélène Méthot, Researcher. Agrobiopole: Hervé Bernier, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:39 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:11 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

#### WITNESSES:

Union des producteurs agricoles:

Denis Bilodeau, Second Vice-President;
Richard Petit, Assistant Executive Director.

Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Pierre Roy.

Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President.



Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 2:11 p.m. this day, in the Le Grand Duc Room, L'Oiselière Hotel, Montmagny, Québec, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Other Members present: Paul Crête.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Union des producteurs agricoles: Denis Bilodeau, Second Vice-President; Richard Petit, Assistant Executive Director. Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Pierre Roy. Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: William Van Tassel, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:11 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, April 26, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Schellenberger for David Anderson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Tobacco Farmers In Crisis:

Brian Edwards, President;

Mark Bannister, Vice-Chair.

Perth Federation of Agriculture: Ed Danen, President.

Ontario Apple Growers:
Brian Gilroy, Vice-Chair.

Canadian Soybean Council: Jim Gowland, Chair.

Ontario Pork: Mary-Ann Hendrikx.

Huron Commodities Inc.:

Martin VanderLoo, President;

David Kohl, Manager, Sales and Marketing.

Ontario Cattlemen's Association:
Ian McKillop, President;
Dave Stewart, Executive Director.

Dairy Farmers of Ontario:
David Murray, Board Member.

National Farmers Union:
Grant Robertson, Coordinator, Ontario Region.

Chicken Farmers of Ontario:
Bill Woods, Chair of Board of Directors, District 7.

Ontario Tender Fruit: Len Troup.



Meeting No. 60

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:41 a.m. this day, in the Kroehler Room, Arden Park Hotel, Stratford, Ontario, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Gary Schellenberger for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Tobacco Farmers In Crisis: Brian Edwards, President; Mark Bannister, Vice-Chair. Perth Federation of Agriculture: Ed Danen, President. Ontario Apple Growers: Brian Gilroy, Vice-Chair. Canadian Soybean Council: Jim Gowland, Chair. Ontario Pork: Mary-Ann Hendrikx. Huron Commodities Inc.: Martin VanderLoo, President; David Kohl, Manager, Sales and Marketing. Ontario Cattlemen's Association: Ian McKillop, President; Dave Stewart, Executive Director. Dairy Farmers of Ontario: David Murray, Board Member. National Farmers Union: Grant Robertson, Coordinator, Ontario Region. Chicken Farmers of Ontario: Bill Woods, Chair of Board of Directors, District 7. Ontario Tender Fruit: Len Troup.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:20 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

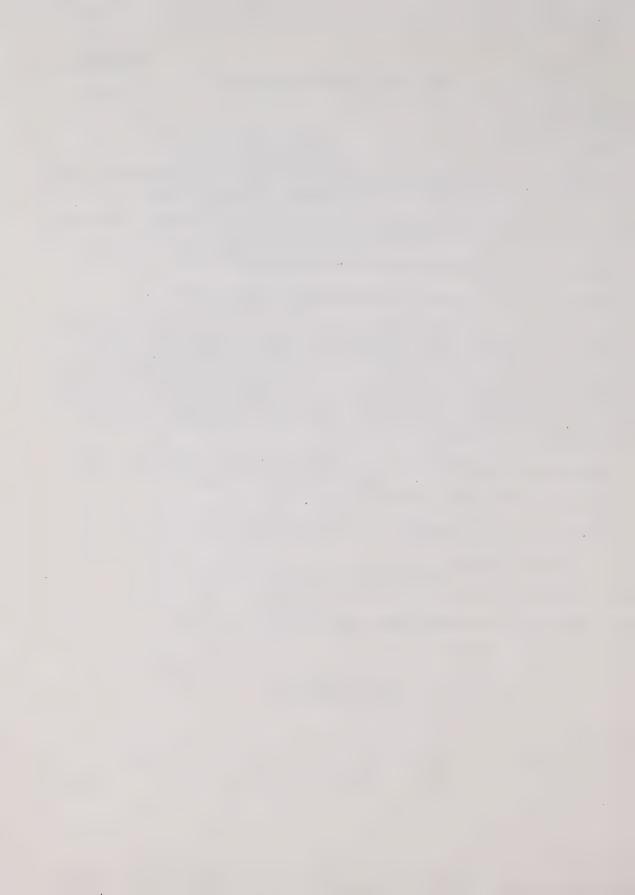
At 10:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 12:11 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 26, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:
Geri Kamenz, President;
Jason Bent, Policy Researcher.

Canadian Sheep Federation:

Jennifer Fleming, Executive Director;

Vince Stutzki, Member, Board of Directors.

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:
Dale Mountjoy, President.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association:
Arthur Smith, Chief Executive Officer.

Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: Peter Tuinema, President.

As an Individual:

Larry Davis, Farmer.



Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:06 p.m. this day, in the Kroehler Room, Arden Park Hotel, Stratford, Ontario, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Ontario Federation of Agriculture: Geri Kamenz, President; Jason Bent, Policy Researcher. Canadian Sheep Federation: Jennifer Fleming, Executive Director; Vince Stutzki, Member, Board of Directors. Ontario Corn Producers' Association: Dale Mountjoy, President. Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association: Arthur Smith, Chief Executive Officer. Ontario-Quebec Grain Farmers' Coalition: Peter Tuinema, President. As an individual: Larry Davis, Farmer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/09 1:41 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister;

Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial

Programs Branch;

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry

Services Branch;

Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy

Branch;

Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Pierre Corriveau, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate

Management;

Graham Barr, Director.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

François Guimont, President;

Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and

Information Technology;

André Gravel, Acting Vice-President;

Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President.



Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister; Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Pierre Corriveau, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management; Graham Barr, Director. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: François Guimont, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology; André Gravel, Acting Vice-President; Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

It was agreed, — That, the time for questionning of the witnesses be no more than five minutes per member.

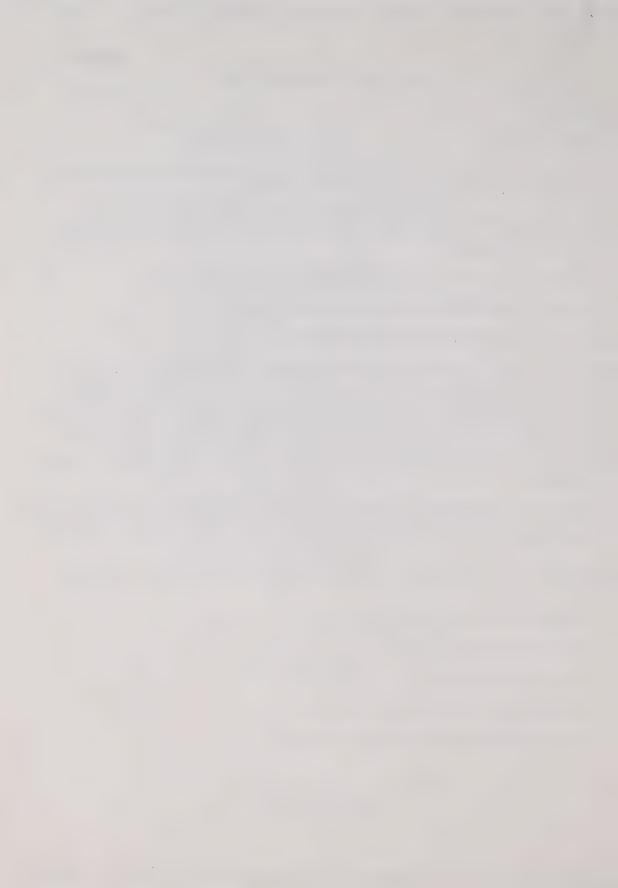
The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



2007/05/04 3:15 p.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, May 3, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 30, 35 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louis Plamondon for Roger Gaudet, Pablo Rodriguez for Ken Boshcoff, and Bev Shipley for David Anderson.

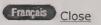
#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Programs; Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.



Meeting No. 63

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Roger Gaudet, Pablo Rodriguez for Ken Boshcoff and Bev Shipley for David Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Programs; Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 30, 35 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That, the Committee move to future business and that it sits in-camera.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

The Committee agreed on the following agenda:

May 8th, 9th and 10th: meetings on the Agricultural Policy Framework;

May 14th to 16th: Fact-Finding Mission to Washington D.C.;

May 17th: Information meeting on Trade and safeguards measures:

May 29 to 31: Draft Report Consideration;

June 5th: Family Farms Option Programs

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 27755, for the Committee's travel to Washington D.C. from May 14th to 16th be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/07 4:34 p.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leon Benoit for Barry Devolin, Bev Shipley for Barry Devolin, and Bradley R. Trost for Jacques Gourde.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Grow Canada:

Denise Dewar, Vice-President, CropLife; Richard Phillips, Executive Director, Grain Growers of Canada.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President; Justin To, Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Terry Betker, former member, National Safety Net Advisory Board.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Pierre Corriveau, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management.



Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Barry Devolin, Bev Shipley for Barry Devolin and Bradley R. Trost for Jacques Gourde.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Grow Canada: Denise Dewar, Vice-President, CropLife; Richard Phillips, Executive Director, Grain Growers of Canada. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President; Justin To, Executive Director. As an individual: Terry Betker, former member, National Safety Net Advisory Board. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Pierre Corriveau, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Shall Vote 1 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department carry?

Vote 1 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department is carried.

Shall Vote 5 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department carry?

Vote 5 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department is carried.

Shall Vote 10 under AGRICULTURE AGRI-FOOD - Department carry?

Vote 10 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department is carried on division.

Shall Vote 15 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department carry?

Vote 15 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department is carried.

Shall Vote 20 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department carry?

Vote 20 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Department is carried.

Shall Vote 25 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Dairy Commission carry?

Vote 25 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Dairy Commission is carried

Shall Vote 30 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Food Inspection Agency carry?

Vote 30 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Food Inspection Agency is carried.

Shall Vote 35 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Food Inspection Agency carry?

Vote 35 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Food Inspection Agency is carried.

Shall Vote 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Grain Commission carry?

Vote 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD - Canadian Grain Commission is carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD to the House.

At 3:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

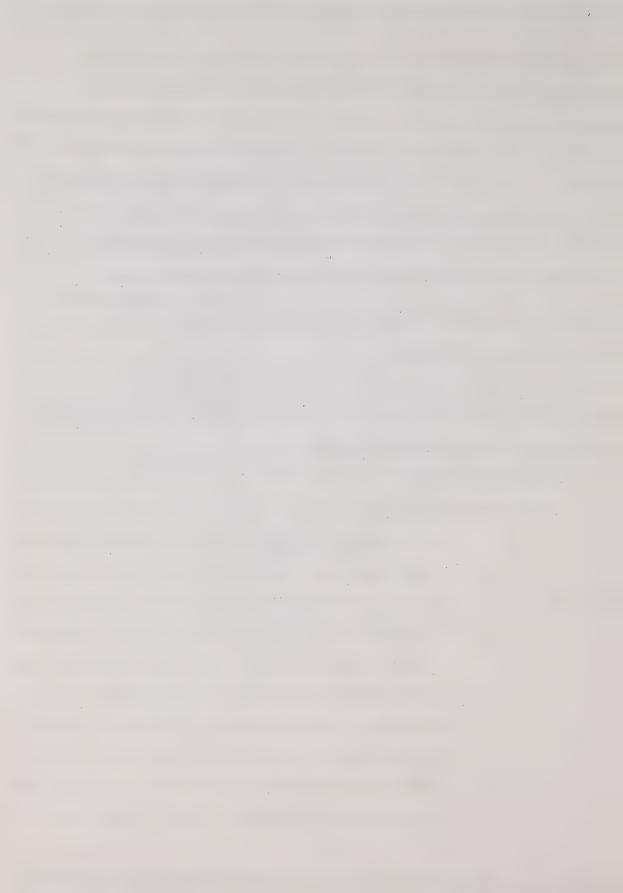
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/10 11:08 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Sylvie Boucher.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

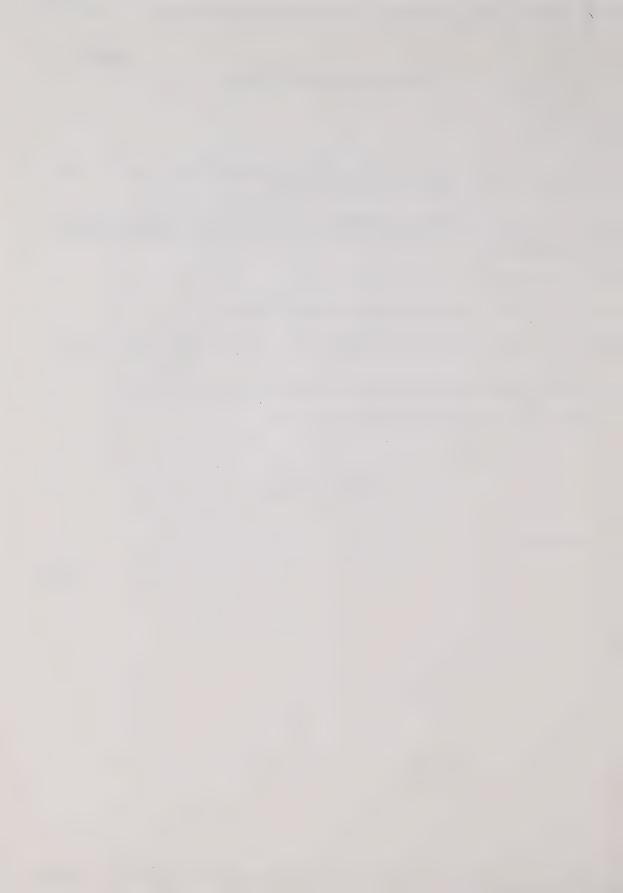
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed, *in camera*, its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses, who wish to remain anonymous, made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/16 10:30 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 66

Thursday, May 10, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency:

Laurent Souligny, Chair;

Peter Clarke, Vice-Chair;

Fred Krahn, Executive Committee Member.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Gilles Saindon, Director General, Science Bureau.



Meeting No. 66

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Laurent Souligny, Chair; Peter Clarke, Vice-Chair; Fred Krahn, Executive Committee Member. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Gilles Saindon, Director General, Science Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Wayne Easter moved, — "That, the Standing Committee of Agriculture & Agri-food recommend that the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the changes announced to the Canadian Farm Family Options Program on April 20, 2007 and restore the provisions of the program as originally announced."

That this Motion be made a Report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/11 2:39 p.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 67

Thursday, May 17, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Safeguard Measures for the Egg Industry and on Article XXVIII for the Chicken Industry.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

David Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Fédération des producteurs de volailles du Québec: Martin Dufresne, President.

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

Mike Dungate, General Manager;
Urs Kressibucher, Second Vice-Chair.

Fédération des producteurs d'oeufs de consommation du Québec: Serge Lebeau, Secretary; Serge Lefebvre, President.

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Laurent Souligny, Chair.



Meeting No. 67

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Associate Members present: Charlie Angus.

Other Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des producteurs de volailles du Québec: Martin Dufresne, President. Chicken Farmers of Canada: Mike Dungate, General Manager; Urs Kressibucher, Second Vice-Chair. Fédération des producteurs d'oeufs de consommation du Québec: Serge Lebeau, Secretary; Serge Lefebvre, President. Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Laurent Souligny, Chair.

By unanimous consent, on motion of André Bellavance, it was agreed, — That, the order of the day be modified with the following one: Item 2 in the first hour, Item 1 and the witnesses in the second hour.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Safeguard Measures for the Egg Industry and on Article XXVIII for the Chicken Industry.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Wayne Easter moved, — That, the Standing Committee of Agriculture & Agri-Food recommend that the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food immediately rescind the changes announced to the Canadian Farm Family Options Program on April 20, 2007 and restore the provisions of the program as originally announced.

That this Motion be made a Report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/22 3:52 p.m.

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

David Anderson moved, — That the Committee concludes its draft report study on the Agricultural Policy Framework before proceeding to the study of the motions on the agenda.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Paul Steckle moved, — That the Committee completes the study of Mr. Easter's and Mr. Atamanenko's motions before studying the Agricultural Policy Framework draft report and, after the draft report study on APF is completed, it will study the motions from M. Boshcoff and M. Bellavance.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Standing Committee of Agriculture & Agri-food recommends that the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the changes announced to the Canadian Farm Family Options Program on April 20, 2007 and restore the provisions of the program as originally announced. That this Motion be made a Report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words after "Agri-food" with the following: "commend the Minister for taking the advice of the three opposition critics who unanimously criticized the Canadian Farm Family Options Program, and the we express our thanks to him for committing to deliver this money through programs that will benefit a wide range of producers".

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words after "Agri-food" with

the words "commend the minister for making changes necessary to the Canadian Farm Family Options Program so that the money can be redirected to programming that will benefit all producers".

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Member: Charles Hubbard.

Meeting No. 69

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Garry Breitkreuz for Jacques Gourde, and Hon. Raymond Simard for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 69

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for Jacques Gourde and Hon. Raymond Simard for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That the Standing Committee of Agriculture & Agri-food recommends that the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food immediately rescind the changes announced to the Canadian Farm Family Options Program on April 20, 2007 and restore the provisions of the program as originally announced. That this Motion be made a Report to the House.

Debate arose.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

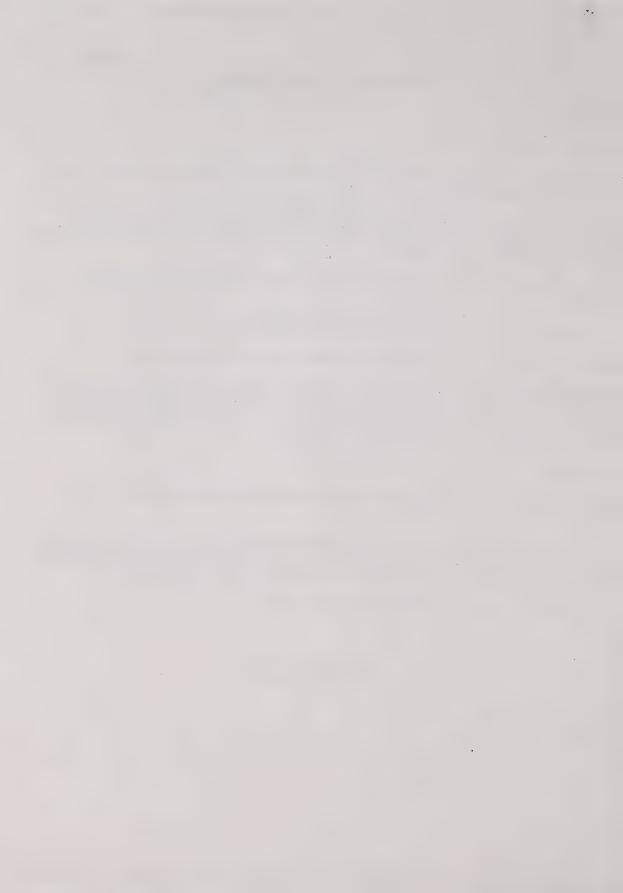
On motion of David Anderson, it was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party provided that it is no more in length and submitted, in both official languages, to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Tuesday June 5th, before the meeting.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Vice-Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 70

Thursday, May 31, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Anderson,
Alex Atamanenko,
Ken Boshcoff,
Barry Devolin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Jacques Gourde,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Larry Miller
and Paul Steckle.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcel Lussier for André Bellavance, and Ted Menzies for James Bezan.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 70

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Marcel Lussier for André Bellavance and Ted Menzies for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David Anderson moved, — That the Committee invert the order of items of the agenda.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 5.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food write a letter to the Honourable Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, indicating the Committee's support for the National Farmers Union's (NFU) April 19th, 2007 submission to the Honourable Shiela Fraser calling for an investigation into the government's conduct and spending by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food throughout the recent Canadian Wheat Board barley marketing plebiscite.

Debate arose thereon.

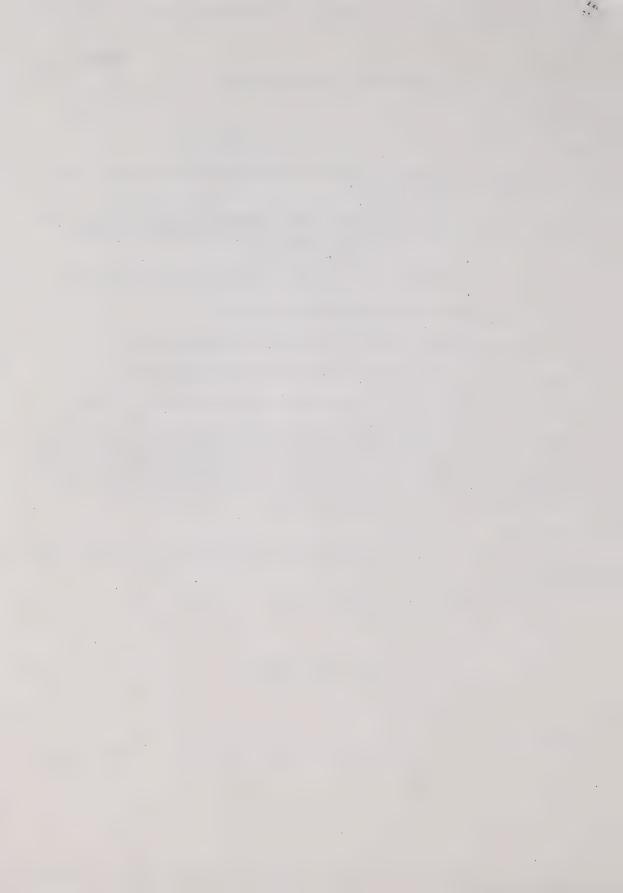
On motion of Ted Menzies, it was agreed on division, — That the Committee adjourn until 3:30 on next Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 71

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David Anderson moved, — That the Committee proceeds to the next order of business.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food write a letter to the Honourable Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, indicating the Agriculture Committee's support for a thorough investigation into the government's conduct and spending by the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food throughout the recent Canadian Wheat Board barley marketing plebiscite.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food" the following: "and the Canadian Wheat Board".

Debate arose thereon.
After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.
Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food" the following: ", the Prime Minister's office, the office of the Minister o Agriculture and Agri-Food and his Parliamentary Secretary's office".
Debate arose thereon.
After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.
The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.
At 5:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.  At 5:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.
At 5:11 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit <i>in camera</i> .
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.
The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.
At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage Clerk of the Committee

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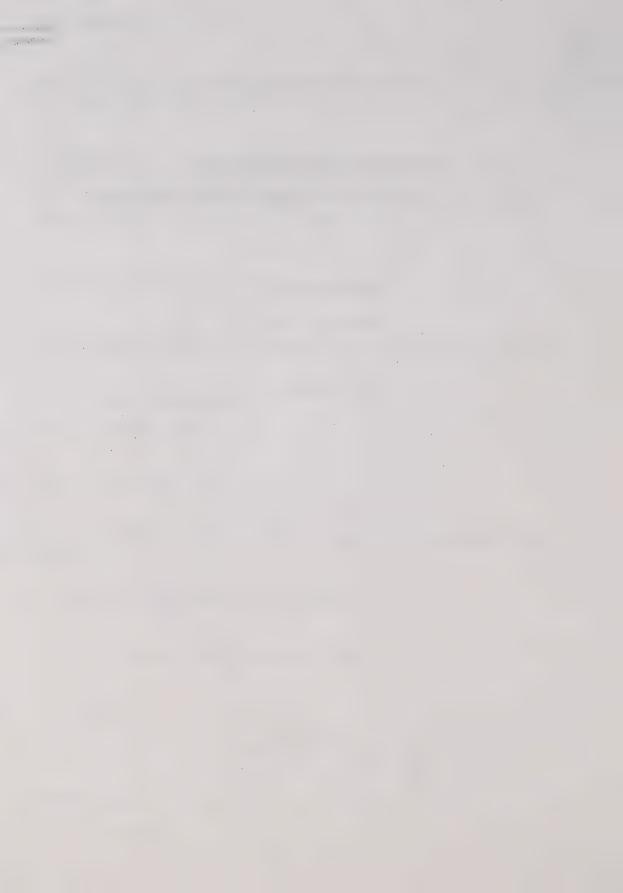


#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 72

Thursday, June 7, 2007





Meeting No. 72

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

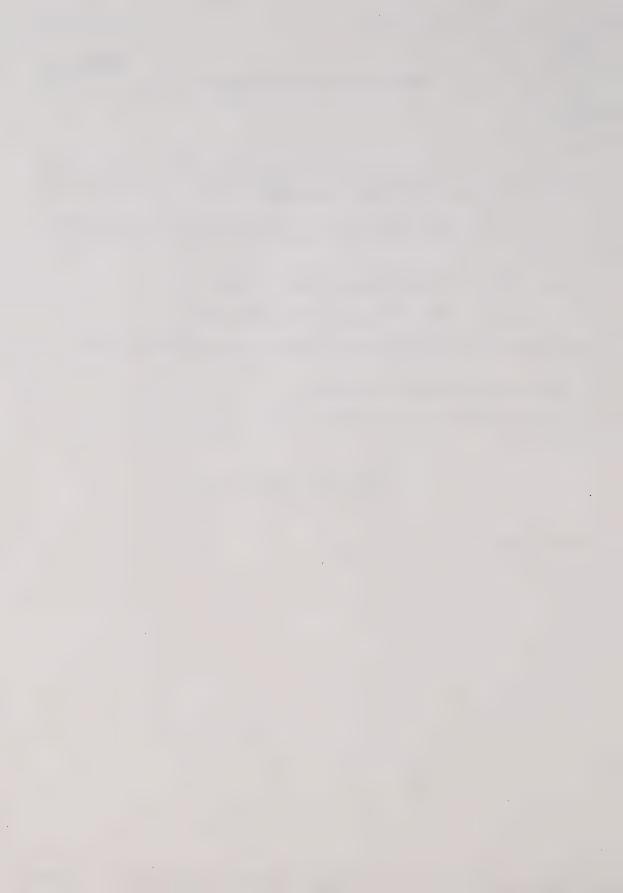
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 73

Tuesday, June 12, 2007





Meeting No. 73

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in camera at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard and Larry Miller.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Paul Steckle and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Wayne Easter.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

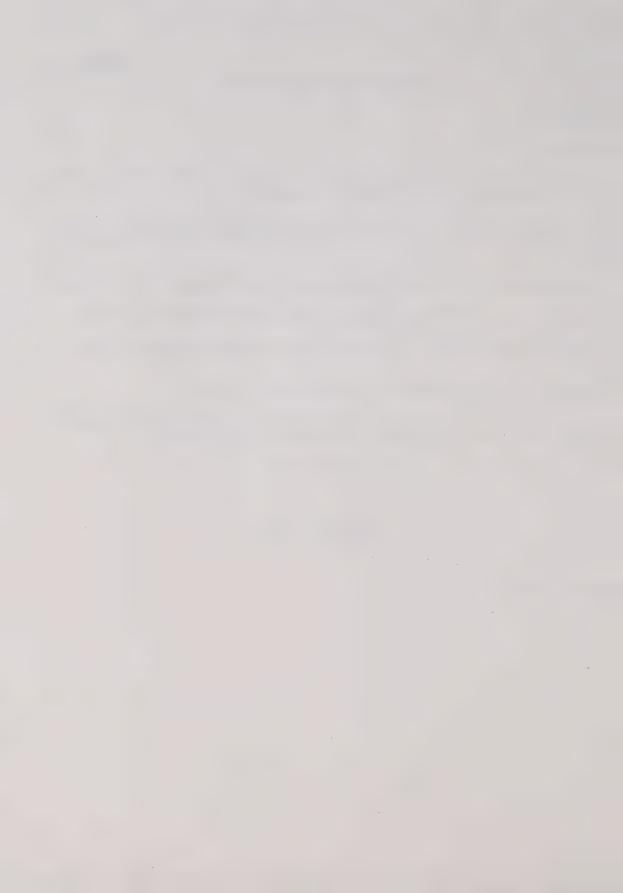
It was agreed, — That the Committee meets on June 13th 2007, at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide a working meal for the Committee on its Wednesday June 13th meeting.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

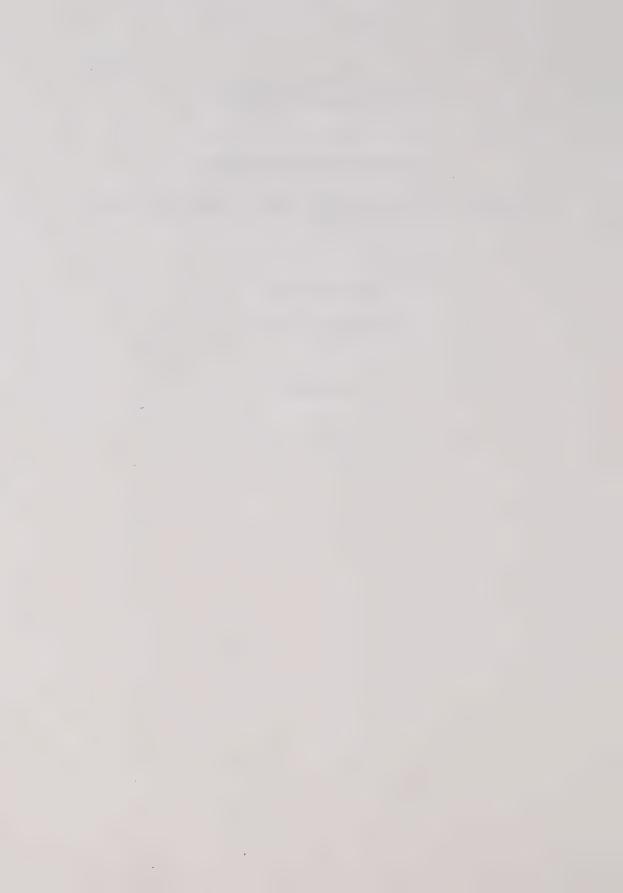
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 74

Wednesday, June 13, 2007





Meeting No. 74

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko. André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard and Larry Miller.

Acting Members present: Chris Warkentin for Larry Miller.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 8:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

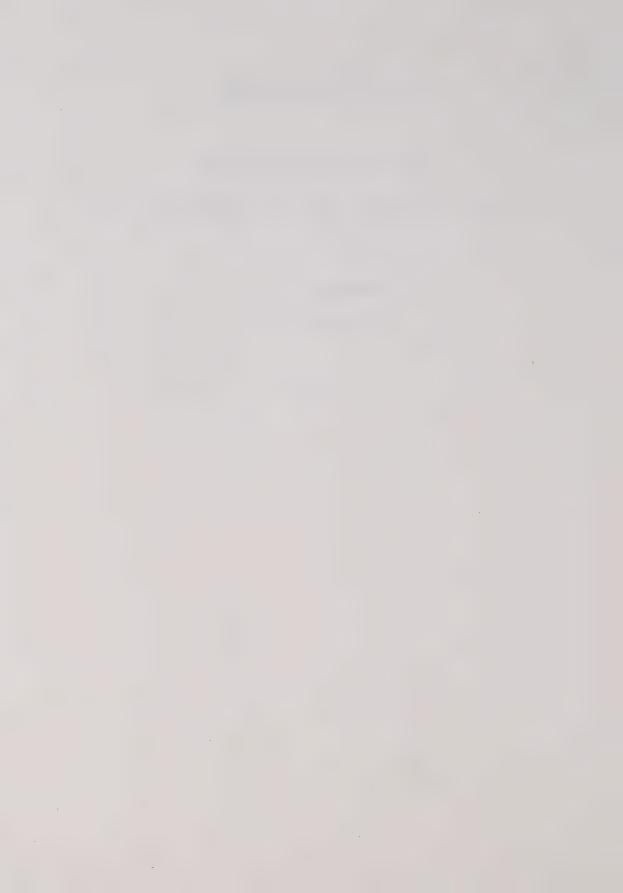
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# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 75

Thursday, June 14, 2007





Meeting No. 75

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in camera at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Charles Hubbard and Larry Miller.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Roger Gaudet and John Maloney for Ken Boshcoff.

Associate Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

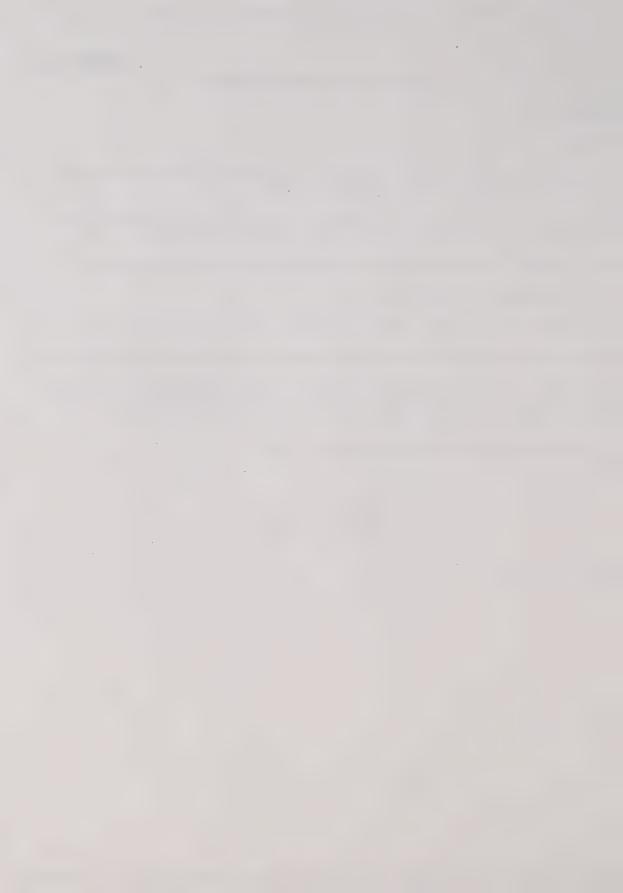
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative party provided that it is no more in length than the report itself and submitted electronically, in both official languages, to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Tuesday, June 19th 2007.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/15 9:53 a.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 76

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Tuesday, June 19, 2007





Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in camera at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Other Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-Denis Fréchette.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Mathieu Frigon, Analyst. Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-François Lafleur, Clerk of the Committee.

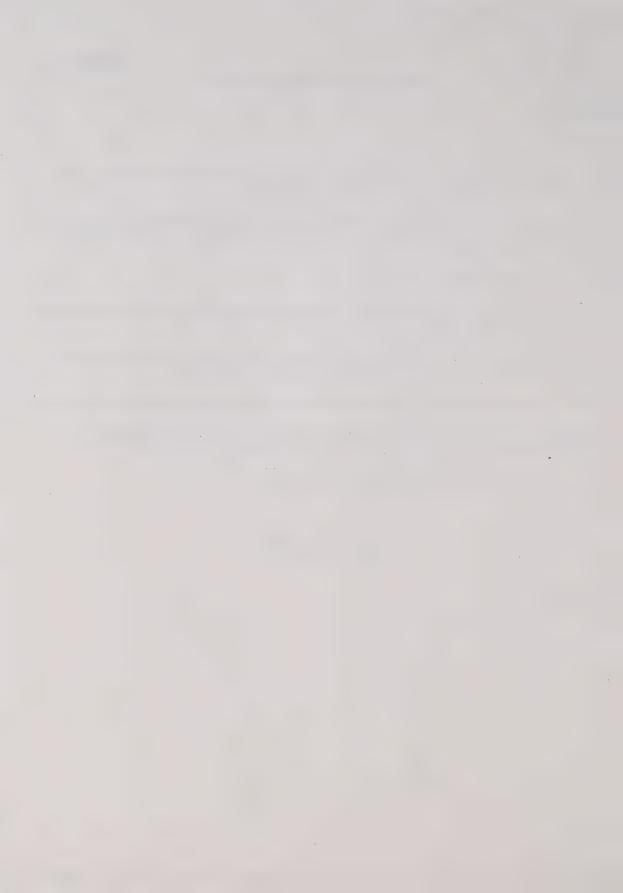
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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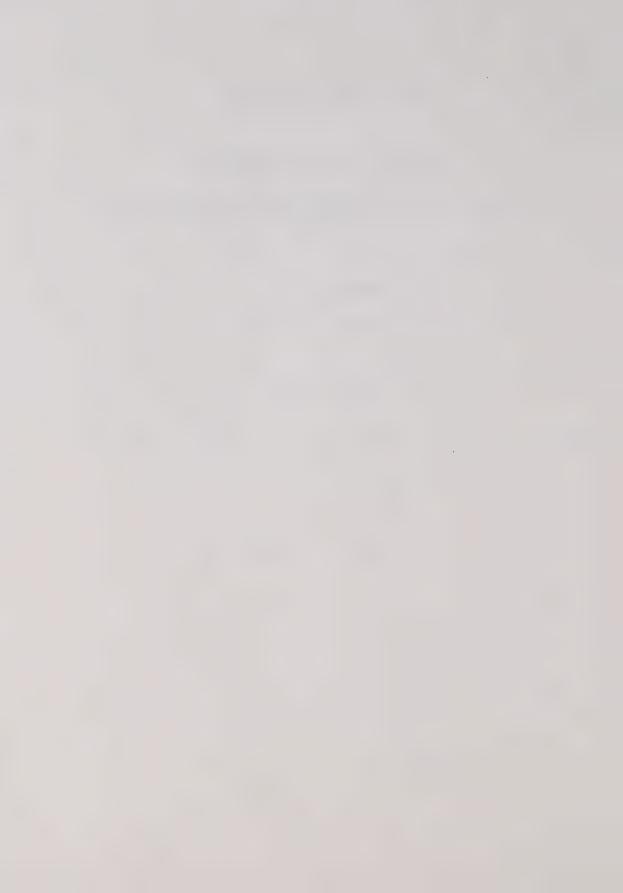
## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

**IN CAMERA** 





Meeting No. 77

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Barry Devolin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Jacques Gourde, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Larry Miller and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Roger Gaudet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Other Participants present: Library of Parliament: Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Fact-finding mission on Canada's new agriculture and agrifood policy.

It was agreed on division, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release to announce the Committee's report on the Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, — That, the Conservative party be allowed to submit its dissenting opinion to the Clerk, on June 21st 2007 at approximately noon.

At 4:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/21 4:34 p.m.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Clerk of the Committee: Jean-François Lafleur.

#### Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

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#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Anderson for Hon. Carol Skelton, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Wayne Easter, and Pat Martin for Alex Atamanenko.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-François Lafleur, Clerk of the Committee.



Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Hon. Carol Skelton, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Wayne Easter and Pat Martin for Alex Atamanenko.

Other Participants present: Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Jean-François Lafleur, Clerk of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Larry Miller, it was agreed, — That James Bezan be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee (Official Opposition).

On motion of Jean-Yves Roy, it was agreed, — That André Bellavance be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

David Anderson moved, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work. These services may be requested at the discretion of the Chair.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, one member of the NDP and one additional member from the Conservatives. Quorum of the Sub-committee shall consist of at least three (3) members one of whom must be from the government. Each member of the sub-committee shall be permitted to have one assistant attend at any meetings of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Ken Boshcoff moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and

composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

Larry Miller moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition and one member of the government. In the case of previously scheduled meetings taking place outside the Parliamentary precinct, the Committee members in attendance shall only be required to wait for 15 minutes following the designated start of the meeting before they may proceed to hear witnesses and receive evidence, regardless of whether opposition or government members are present.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 5 members are present including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "opposition" the following: "and one member of government".

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 5 members are present including one member of the opposition and one member of the government.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

Paul Steckle moved, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to the members of the Committee and only when such documents exist in both official languages.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by adding between the words "documents" and "to" the following: "including motions" and;

adding after the word "languages." the following: The clerk shall advise all witnesses appearing before the committee of this requirement.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Paul Steckle moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary

arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 0.

David Anderson moved, — That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of two (2) representatives from any one organization, and that if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of the witnesses shall be reimbursed.

André Bellavance moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "reimbursed." the following: In exceptional circumstances payment of more representatives be at the discretion of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of André Bellavance and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of two (2) representatives from any one organization, and that if requested, reasonable childcare expenses of the witnesses shall be reimbursed. In exceptional circumstances payment of more representatives be at the discretion of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

Paul Steckle moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

Ken Boshcoff moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "meeting." the following: ,and that staff member could be a member from the house leader's office, the whip's office or the research department of the party, or the member's office.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ken Boshcoff and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting and that staff member could be a member from the house leader's office, the whip's office or the research department of the party, or the member's office.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Committee" the following: "and that these transcripts de destroyed at the end of the session".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

David Anderson moved, — That 48 hours notice will be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the committee, that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been distributed to the members of the committee by the clerk of the committee. The motion shall be distributed to members in both official languages and all motions received by the clerk shall be placed upon the agenda of the first committee meeting following the period of notice.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and the results of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

André Bellavance moved, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; that, before the second round of questioning, other members who have not spoken and who wish to speak may do so for 5 minutes; and that, thereafter, 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and opposition parties: First round: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, New Democratic Party; Second Round: Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative; Third Round: Liberal, Conservative; Fourth Round: Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

David Anderson moved, — That the consideration and examination of any Bill, government or private member's bill, which falls within the express mandate of the committee shall take precedence over any study or non-legislative examination and motions. In such circumstances the non-legislative study shall be deferred until such time as the Bill is reported back to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

David Anderson moved, — All Motions shall be moved by their sponsor within two (2) meetings of their first being listed on the agenda as Committee business, failing which the motion shall be deemed abandoned by the mover and shall be dispensed with and may no longer be subject to Committee consideration.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

David Anderson moved, — That every party shall have the right to attach, as an annex, a dissenting opinion on any report to be presented to the House of Commons by the Committee; and that this dissenting opinion shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee within 72 hours of the passing of the report by the committee.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

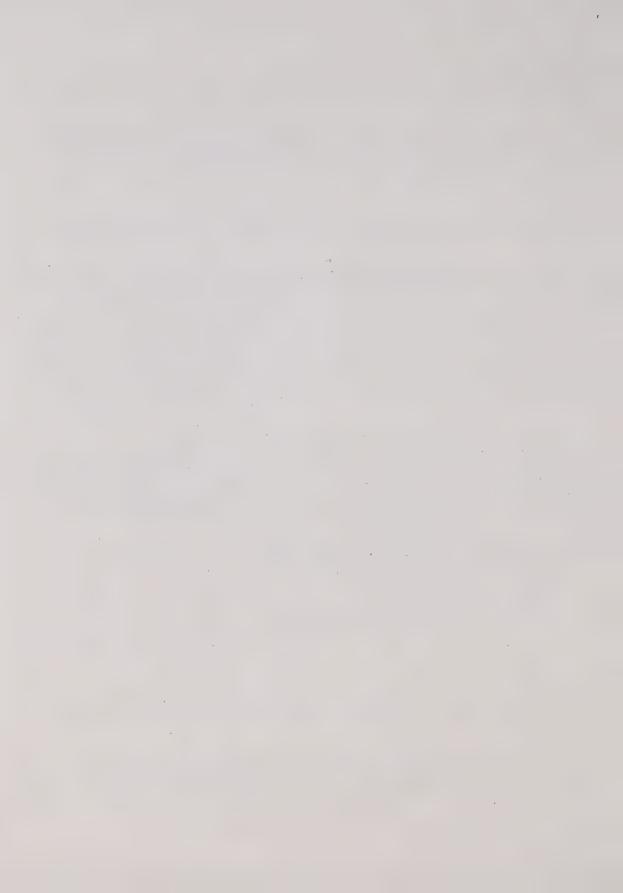
Larry Miller moved, — That 48 hours' notice is given for the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food conduct a full review of all inspection fees charged by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and; that this information be used by the Minister to investigate possible options for the government to deal with the inequity between what Canadian Livestock Producers and Packing Plants pay for inspection fees as compared to their counterparts in the United States.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/16 1:58 p.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 19, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

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#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle, John Maloney for Ken Boshcoff, and Hon. Geoff Regan for Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst;

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.



Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Paul Steckle, John Maloney for Ken Boshcoff and Hon. Geoff Regan for Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mathieu Frigon, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following calendar be adopted:

November 21, 2007 - Meeting with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;

November 26, 2007 - Meeting with Cattle and Pork Industry

November 28, 2007 - Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood

December 3, 5, 10 and 12, 2007 - Meetings on the new Agricultural Policy Framework.

At 4:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:05 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to the motion of Larry Miller.

Larry Miller moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food conduct a full review of all inspection fees charged by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and; that this information be used by the Minister to investigate possible options for the government to deal with the inequity between what Canadian Livestock Producers and Packing Plants pay for inspection fees as compared to their counterparts in the United States..

Geoff Regan moved, — That the motion be amended by adding between the words "be" and "used" the following: "shared with the Committee and".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Geoff Regan and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food conduct a full review of all inspection fees charged by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and; that this information be shared with the Committee and used by the Minister to investigate possible options for the government to deal with the inequity between what Canadian Livestock Producers and Packing Plants pay for inspection fees as compared to their counterparts in the United States.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/20 2:32 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed the briefing of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President and Chief Veterinary Officer;

Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations;
Paul Mayers, Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate;
Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety;
Freeman Libby, National Director, Feed Ban Task Force;
Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

Mr. Evans made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President and Chief Veterinary Officer; Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations; Paul Mayers, Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety; Freeman Libby, National Director, Feed Ban Task Force; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

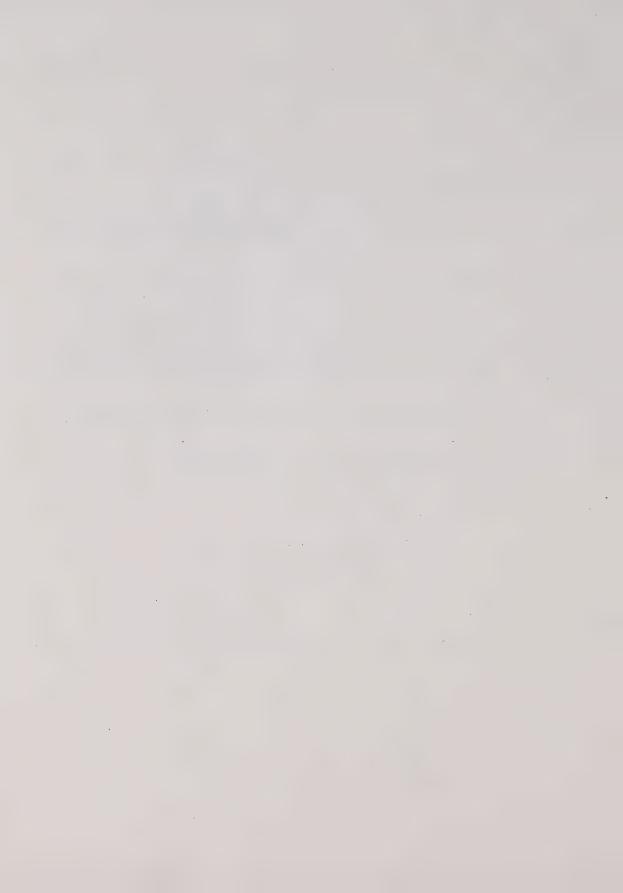
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the briefing of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Mr. Evans made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/23 8:28 a.m.



#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 4

Monday, November 26, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Geoff Regan for Ken Boshcoff.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Fédération des producteurs de bovins du Québec: Michel Dessureault, Chairman; Vincent Cloutier, Assistant Secretary.

Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec:
Jean-Guy Vincent, President;
Nathalie Hansen, Public and governmental relations,
Communications Services.

Canadian Meat Council:
Jim Laws, Executive Director.

Canadian Pork Council:

Stephen Moffett, Director;
Curtiss Littlejohn, Director.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry
Relations.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Brad Wildeman, Chair;

John Masswohl, Director, Governmental International Relations.



Meeting No. 4

Monday, November 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Geoff Regan for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fédération des producteurs de bovins du Québec: Michel Dessureault, Chairman; Vincent Cloutier, Assistant Secretary. Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Ouébec: Jean-Guy Vincent, President; Nathalie Hansen, Public and governmental relations, Communications Services. Canadian Meat Council: Jim Laws, Executive Director. Canadian Pork Council: Stephen Moffett, Director; Curtiss Littlejohn, Director. Maple Leaf Foods Inc.: Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry Relations. Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Brad Wildeman, Chair; John Masswohl, Director, Governmental International Relations.

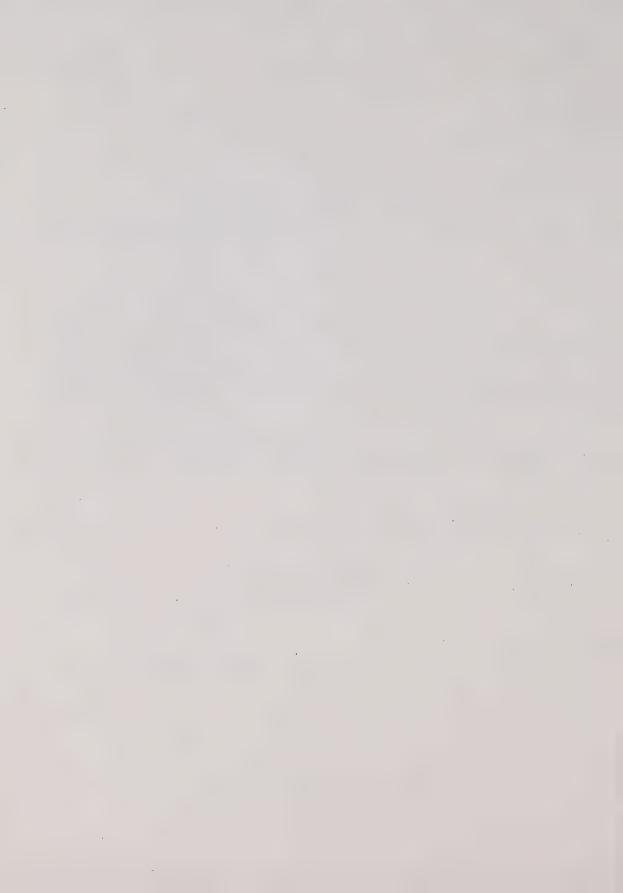
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/27 1:41 p.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lui Temelkovski for Lloyd St. Amand.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:
Bob Friesen, President.

National Farmers Union:

Kalissa Regier, Youth Vice-President; Colleen Ross, Women's President.



Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Lui Temelkovski for Lloyd St. Amand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. National Farmers Union: Kalissa Regier, Youth Vice-President; Colleen Ross, Women's President.

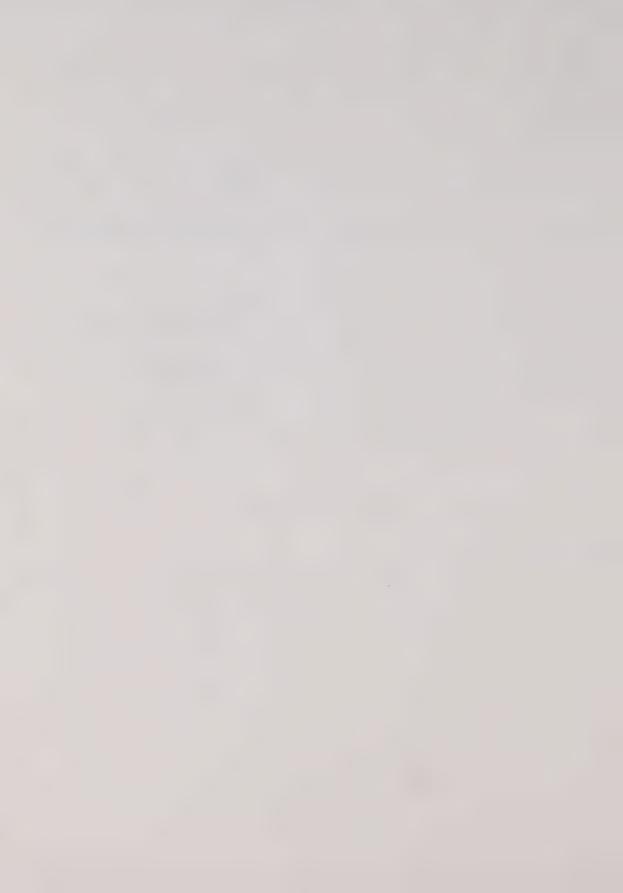
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Growing Forward.

Mrs Ross, Regier and Mr. Friesen made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 10:57 a.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 6

Monday, December 3, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Ken Boshcoff, Pierre Poilievre for Guy Lauzon, Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle, and Mervin Tweed for Brian Storseth.

#### **OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency: Mark Davies, Chair.

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Harold Froese, Director.

Chicken Farmers of Canada: David Fuller, Chair.

Canadian Co-operative Association:
Carol Hunter, Executive Director;
Lynne Markell, Advisor, Government Affairs and Public Policy.

Dairy Producers of Canada: Jacques Laforge, President.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: David Marit, President.

Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency: Errol Halkai, General Manager.

Jacques Laforge, David Fuller, Harold Froese and Carol Hunter made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 6

Monday, December 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Ken Boshcoff, Pierre Poilievre for Guy Lauzon, Brent St. Denis for Paul Steckle and Mervin Tweed for Brian Storseth.

Other Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency: Mark Davies, Chair. Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Harold Froese, Director. Chicken Farmers of Canada: David Fuller, Chair. Canadian Co-operative Association: Carol Hunter, Executive Director; Lynne Markell, Advisor, Government Affairs and Public Policy. Dairy Producers of Canada: Jacques Laforge, President. Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: David Marit, President. Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency: Errol Halkai, General Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

Jacques Laforge, David Fuller, Harold Froese and Carol Hunter made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/04 4:02 p.m.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

#### Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and on motion adopted by the Committee on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Gaudet for André Bellavance, John Maloney for Paul Steckle, Bev Shipley for Brian Storseth, and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Jean-Yves Roy.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;
Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management
Program Development, Farm Financial Programs Branch;
Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch;
Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and
Industry Services Branch.

Andrew Marsland made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for André Bellavance, John Maloney for Paul Steckle, Bev Shipley for Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thai Thi Lac for Jean-Yves Roy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marc Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Danny Foster, Director General, Business Risk Management Program Development, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch.

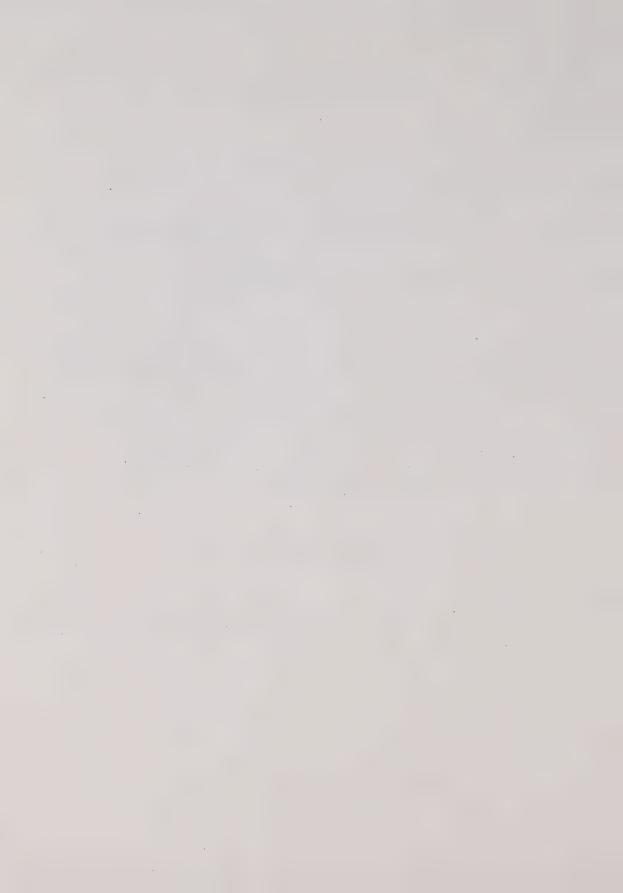
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

Andrew Marsland made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/06 9:21 a.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 8

Monday, December 10, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and on motion adopted by the Committee on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Pulse Canada:

Gordon Bacon, Chief Executive Officer.

Performance Plants:

David Dennis, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Seed Trade Association:

Jeff Reid, First Vice-President.

BIOTECanada:

Phil Schwab, Vice President of Industry Relations.

Pulse Canada:

Todd Stewart, Board Member.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, December 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pulse Canada: Gordon Bacon, Chief Executive Officer. Performance Plants: David Dennis, President and Chief Executive Officer. Canadian Seed Trade Association: Jeff Reid, First Vice-President. BIOTECanada: Phil Schwab, Vice President of Industry Relations. Pulse Canada: Todd Stewart, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "Report on the Beef and Pork Sector Income Crisis".

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/11 9:23 a.m.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and on motion adopted by the Committee on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

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#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Anderson for Brian Storseth, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Paul Steckle, Hon. Andy Scott for Ken Boshcoff, and Roger Valley for Paul Steckle.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### APPEARING:

Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, André Bellavance, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Brian Storseth, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Paul Steckle, Hon. Andy Scott for Ken Boshcoff and Roger Valley for Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Larry Miller moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food invite the newly-established Competition Policy Review Panel for a briefing session to discuss the concentration and dominant position of some businesses at various levels of the Agri-food chain, including packers, retailers, distributors and processors and the effects it has on Canadian farmers and consumers.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food recommend that the government immediately reimburse farmers for an amount equivalent to the severance package of Mr. Adrian Measner, which was incurred when the government fired him from his position as President of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Debate arose thereon.

At 3:40 p.m. James Bezan took the Chair.

David Anderson moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "Agri-Food" with the following: "study Mr. Measner's severance and retirement and pension package as well as his last 2 years salary and benefits, including membership, salary, benefits, bonuses, health care insurance coverage and on going obligations, relating to his dismissal by the government from his position as President of the Canadian Wheat Board".

Debate arose thereon.

Carol Skelton moved, — That the Committee suspend consideration of present Committee Business to allow the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to appear in front of the Committee for an hour, on its study on Growing Forward and resumed the said Committee Business for the rest of the meeting.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and on motion adopted by the Committee on November 19th, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed to the consideration on the amendment of David Anderson.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4: NAYS: 5.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food recommend that the government immediately reimburse farmers for the extra costs incurred by the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) as a result of the government's changes to the election rules after the process for a Director's election had already begun.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Carol Skelton moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food condemn the message in the calendar produced by the Kerrobert Credit Union and ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to investigate how this calendar was funded and if any other Credit Unions are using a similar template for their calendars.

Debate arose thereon.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "Agri-Food" with the words: "send a letter to Credit Union Central of Canada expressing its displeasure with the template calendar they have distributed with an anti-farming message on it".

#### RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practive.

Larry Miller moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "calendar" with the following: "produced by the Kerrobert Credit Union and Credit Union Central of Canada for producing this template for their calendars and that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-

Food send a letter to Credit Union Central of Canada expressing this concern".

Debate arose thereon.

André Bellavance moved, - That the motion be amended by replacing the word "condemn" with the words "disagree with the message".

The question was put on the subamendment of André Bellavance and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Larry Miller, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food disagree with the message in the calendar produced by the Kerrobert Credit Union and Credit Union Central of Canada for producing this template for their calendars and that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food send a letter to Credit Union Central of Canada expressing this concern.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Larry Miller moved, — That the draft budget for the Committee's study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues to the amount of \$39,700 be adopted.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

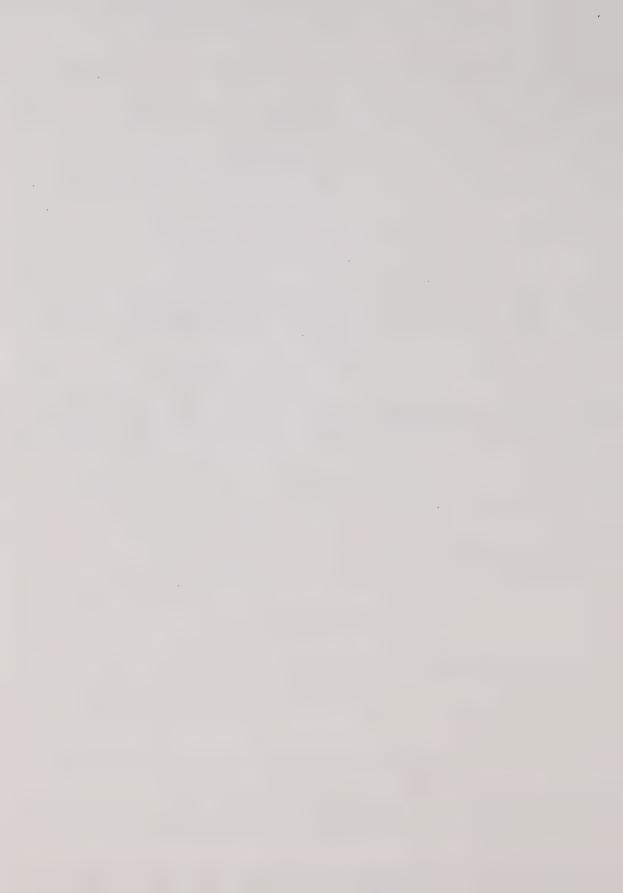
Wayne Easter moved, — That the draft budget for the Committee's study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues to the amount of \$18,700 be adopted.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/20 11:36 a.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the briefing on Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brent St. Denis for Ken Boshcoff, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Jean-Yves Roy, and Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

## Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

#### Department of Health:

Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar and Director General, Registration Directorate, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

#### Health Canada:

Peter Delorme, Acting Director General, Environmental Assessment Directorate.

Karen L. Dodds made a statement and, with Richard Aucoin and Peter Delorme, answered questions.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Brent St. Denis for Ken Boshcoff, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Jean-Yves Roy and Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar and Director General, Registration Directorate, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

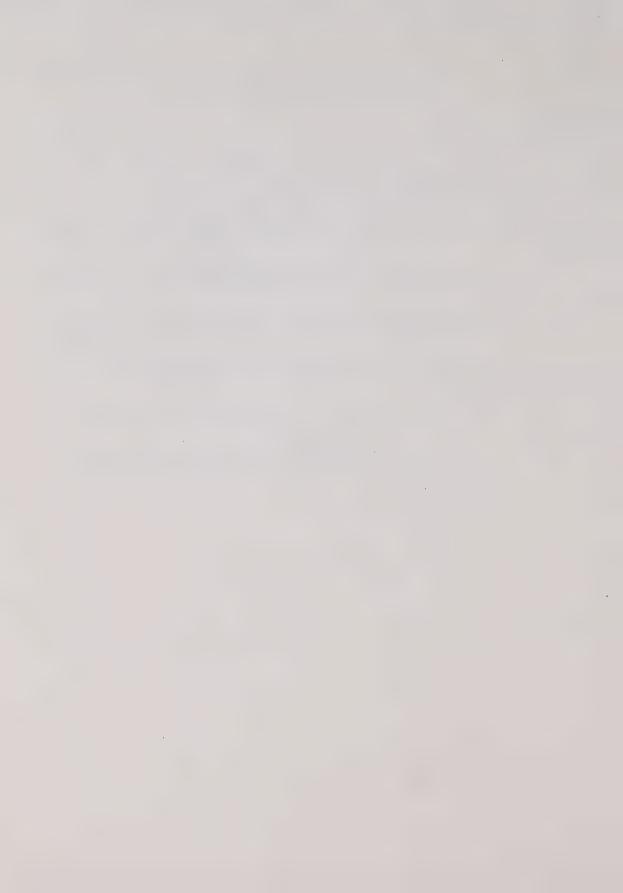
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the briefing on Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Karen L. Dodds made a statement and, with Richard Aucoin and Peter Delorme, answered questions.

At 10:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 8:12



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 11

Thursday, January 31, 2008

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rick Norlock for Larry Miller, Bev Shipley for Larry Miller, and Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President; Brad Wildeman, Vice-President; John Masswohl, Director.

Canadian Pork Council:

Clare Schlegel, President; Stephen Moffett, Director.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Danny Foster, Director General.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Billy Hewett, Executive Director, Program Policy Directorate.

From 9:07 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.: Brad Wildeman, Clare Schlegel and Stephen Moffett made statements and, with Dennis Laycraft, answered questions.

From 10:19 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Krista L. Mountjoy made a statement and, with Andrew Marsland, Danny Foster, Nada Semaan, and Billy Hewett, answered questions.

## Close

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thai Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Rick Norlock for Larry Miller, Bev Shipley for Larry Miller and Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President; Brad Wildeman, Vice-President; John Masswohl, Director. Canadian Pork Council: Clare Schlegel, President; Stephen Moffett, Director. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Danny Foster, Director General. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Billy Hewett, Executive Director, Program Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector Revenues.

From 9:07 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.: Brad Wildeman, Clare Schlegel and Stephen Moffett made statements and, with Dennis Laycraft, answered questions.

At 10:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

From 10:19 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Krista L. Mountjoy made a statement and, with Andrew Marsland, Danny Foster, Nada Semaan, and Billy Hewett, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/31 2:43 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff, and Robert Vincent for André Bellavance.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Farmers of North America Inc.:

James Mann, President; Glenn Caleval, Vice-President.

 $Canadian\ Federation\ of\ Agriculture:$ 

Bob Friesen, President.

*Union des producteurs agricoles:* 

Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President; Gilbert Lavoie, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Richard Phillips, Executive Director; Leo Meyer, Director.

Bob Friesen, Richard Phillips, Leo Meyer, Gilbert Lavoie and Glenn Caleval made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Roger Valley for Ken Boshcoff and Robert Vincent for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Farmers of North America Inc.: James Mann, President; Glenn Caleval, Vice-President. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. Union des producteurs agricoles: Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President; Gilbert Lavoie, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch. Grain Growers of Canada: Richard Phillips, Executive Director; Leo Meyer, Director.

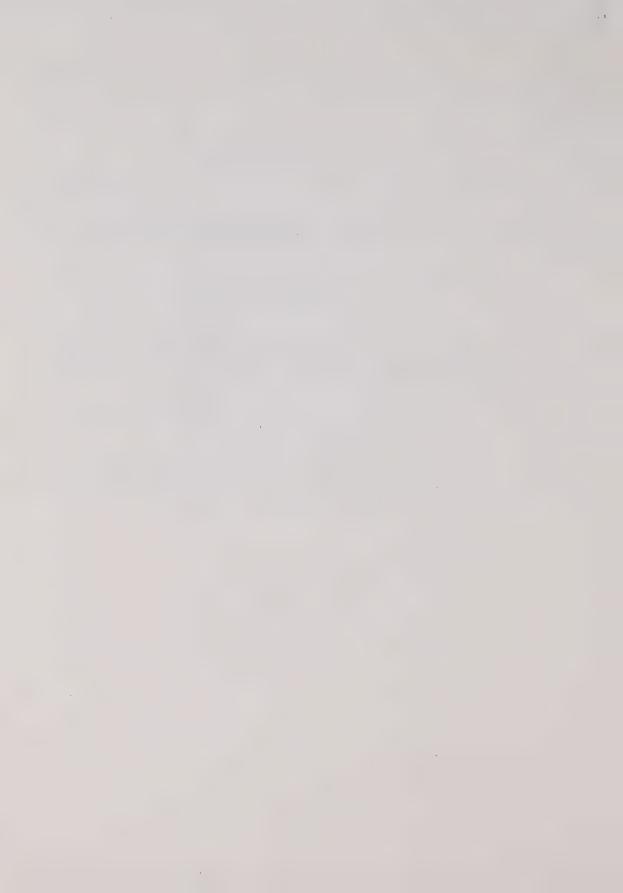
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

Bob Friesen, Richard Phillips, Leo Meyer, Gilbert Lavoie and Glenn Caleval made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk

2008/02/06 8:59 a.m.



## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 7, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, January 2, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

#### APPEARING:

Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

#### **WITNESSES:**

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Department of the Environment:

Gord Owen, Director General, Energy and Transportation.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and
Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

Steve Verheul made a statement and answered questions.

## Close

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance.

Associate Members present: Blaine Calkins.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch. Department of the Environment: Gord Owen, Director General, Energy and Transportation. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Negotiations and Multilateral Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of February 1st, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-33, Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Minister Gerry Ritz made a statement and, with Andrew Marsland and Gord Owen, answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded a briefing on the World Trade Organization.

Steve Verheul made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/07 11:55 a.m.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, January 2, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:
Gordon Quaiattini, President.

Biox Corporation:

Tim Haig, President and Chief Executive Officer.

National Farmers Union:

Kenneth Sigurdson, Researcher.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Richard Phillips, Executive Director.

Canadian Canola Growers Association:

Brian Chorney, Vice-President.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President.

Gordon Quaiattini, Brian Chorney, Richard Phillips, Bob Friesen and Kenneth Sigurdson made statements and, with Tim Haig, answered questions.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Renewable Fuels Association: Gordon Quaiattini, President. Biox Corporation: Tim Haig, President and Chief Executive Officer. National Farmers Union: Kenneth Sigurdson, Researcher. Grain Growers of Canada: Richard Phillips, Executive Director. Canadian Canola Growers Association: Brian Chorney, Director. Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to the motion of the Hon. Wayne Easter.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Committee call on an urgent basis and prior to March 13, 2008, Mr. Elwin Hermanson, the Chief Commissioner of the Canada Grain Commission.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 3.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of February 1st, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Gordon Quaiattini, Brian Chorney, Richard Phillips, Bob Friesen and Kenneth Sigurdson made statements and, with Tim Haig, answered questions.

Carol Skelton moved, — That the Committee hold additional meetings every Monday evenings until it reaches the completion of the study of Bill C-33.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Brian Storseth — 4; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, Paul Steckle, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 5.

Paul Steckle moved, — That the Committee hold one meeting, on February 25, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing witnesses on the Committee study on Bill C-33.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 9; NAYS: — 0.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide a working meal for the Committee for its meeting of February 25, 2008.

At 11:00, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 3:52 p.m.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 14, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, January 2, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcel Lussier for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Williams.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Frédéric Forge, Analyst;

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Canola Council of Canada:
JoAnne Buth, President.

University of Lethbridge:

Kurt Klein, Professor, Department of Economics.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:
Travis Toews, Vice-Chair, Foreign Trade Committee.

JoAnne Buth, Dr. Kurt Klein and Travis Toews made statements and, answered questions.



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Marcel Lussier for Eve-Mary Thai Thi Lac.

Associate Members present: John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canola Council of Canada: JoAnne Buth, President. University of Lethbridge: Kurt Klein, Professor, Department of Economics. Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Travis Toews, Vice-Chair, Foreign Trade Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 1st, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

On motion of André Bellavance, it was agreed, — "That not withstanding the motion adopted February 12th, the Committee meets at 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on February 25th instead of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.".

JoAnne Buth, Dr. Kurt Klein and Travis Toews made statements and, answered questions.

Guy Lauzon moved, — "That the Committee report immediately the Bill C-33 without amendments".

The question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Brian Storseth — 4; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, Marcel Lussier — 4.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the motion was negatived.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2008/02/19 9:31

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 16

Monday, February 25, 2008

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 1, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Gaudet for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac, and Bev Shipley for Brian Storseth.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

EcoNovo Consulting Experts:

Simon Barnabé, Scientific researcher, Added value production from waste materials.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:

Kevin Bender, Director; Blair Rutter, Executive Director.

*University of Sherbrooke:* 

Esteban Chornet, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering.

Centre de formation en entreprise et récupération de Victoriaville: Yves Couture, Director.

Conseil québécois du biodiésel:

Camil Lagacé, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: Benoit Legault, Director General; Stéphane Bisaillon, Second Vice-President.

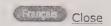
Canadian Biotechnology Action Network: Lucy Sharratt, Coordinator.

Canadian Bioenergy Corporation: Ian Thomson, President.

Ducks Unlimited Canada:

Paul Thoroughgood, Regional Agrologist.





Meeting No. 16

Monday, February 25, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met by videoconference at 3:36 this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac and Bev Shipley for Brian Storseth.

Other Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: EcoNovo Consulting Experts: Simon Barnabé, Scientific researcher, Added value production from waste materials. Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association: Kevin Bender, Director; Blair Rutter, Executive Director. University of Sherbrooke: Esteban Chornet, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering. Centre de formation en entreprise et récupération de Victoriaville: Yves Couture, Director. Conseil québécois du biodiésel: Camil Lagacé, President and Chief Executive Officer. Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec: Benoit Legault, Director General; Stéphane Bisaillon, Second Vice-President. Canadian Biotechnology Action Network: Lucy Sharratt, Coordinator. Canadian Bioenergy Corporation: Ian Thomson, President. Ducks Unlimited Canada: Paul Thoroughgood, Regional Agrologist.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 1, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Paul Thoroughgood, Benoît Legault, Ian Thompson and Esteban Chornet made statements and, with Stéphane Bisaillon, answered questions

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Camil Lagacé, Simon Barnabé, Lucy Sharratt, Kevin Bender and Yves Couture made statements and, with Blair Rutter, answered questions.

The Committee commenced the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Paul Steckle, it was agreed, — That the budget of the Committee in the amount of \$ 35,700 for the study on Bill C-33 be adopted.

André Bellavance moved, — That, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, through its Chair, send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to express the interest of the Committee to have him implement, as soon as possible, the recommendations of its Report 1 – Study on

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the Collapse of the Beef and Pork Sector revenues – in order to contribute to reducing the problems that the Pork and Beef industry is facing.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle — 7; NAYS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Bev Shipley, Carol Skelton — 4.

Larry Miller moved, — That the Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food send letters to the Chairs of the US House Committee on Agriculture and the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, as well as to the US Secretary of Agriculture, requesting them to ensure that the new US Farm Bill is compliant under NAFTA and WTO, particularly as it relates to the proposed COOL (country of origin labeling) regulations and farm subsidies; and further that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food write a letter requesting that the Ministers of Trade and Agriculture and Agri-Food contact the above mentioned people informing them that if NAFTA and WTO trade compliance is not achieved in the US Farm Bill, Canada will consider the necessary measures to achieve compliance.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Bev Shipley, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand — 10; NAYS: Paul Steckle — 1

At 6:41, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/27 12:15 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

# Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 1, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Roy Cullen for Lloyd St. Amand.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Rachel Baxter, Counsel, Legal Services.

Canadian Petroleum Products Institute:
Gene Carrignan, Chair, National Fuels Committee.

Department of the Environment:

Bruce McEwen, Chief, Fuels Section;

John Moffet, Director General, Legislation and Regulatory Affairs.

Canadian Petroleum Products Institute:
Gilles Morel, Director, Eastern Canada Division and National Office.

Rothsay:

B. Todd Moser, Vice-President, Alternative Fuels.

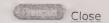
Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association: Mark A. Nantais, President.

Resource Efficient Agricultural Production (REAP) Canada:
Roger Samson, Executive Director.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

House of Commons:

Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.



Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:36 this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for Lloyd St. Amand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Rachel Baxter, Counsel, Legal Services. Canadian Petroleum Products Institute: Gene Carrignan, Chair, National Fuels Committee. Department of the Environment: Bruce McEwen, Chief, Fuels Section; John Moffet, Director General, Legislation and Regulatory Affairs. Canadian Petroleum Products Institute: Gilles Morel, Director, Eastern Canada Division and National Office. Rothsay: B. Todd Moser, Vice-President, Alternative Fuels. Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association: Mark A. Nantais, President. Resource Efficient Agricultural Production (REAP) Canada: Roger Samson, Executive Director.

Other Participants present: House of Commons: Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.

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Roger Samson, Todd Moser, Mark A. Nantais, Gilles Morel and Gene Carrignan made statements and answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

André Bellavance moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 41 on page 2 with the following:

"2. (1) Subsection 140(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

- 140. (1) The Governor in Council may not make a regulation under section 139 unless the Minister has first laid the proposed regulation before the House of Commons.
- (1.1) A proposed regulation that is laid before the House of Commons is deemed to be automatically referred to the appropriate committee of the House, as determined by the rules of the House, and the committee may conduct inquiries or public hearings with respect to the proposed regulation and report its findings to the House.
- (1.2) The Governor in Council may make a regulation under section 139 only if
- (a) the House of Commons has not concurred in any report from a committee respecting the proposed regulation within the thirty sitting days following the day on which the proposed regulation was laid before the House, in which case the regulation may only be made in the form laid; or
- (b) the House of Commons has concurred in a report from a committee approving the proposed regulation or an amended version of it, in which case the Governor in Council may only make the regulation in the form concurred in.
- (1.3) For the purpose of this section, "sitting day" means a day on which the House of Commons sits.
- (1.4) Subject to this section, the Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, make regulations for carrying out the purposes of section 139, including regulations respecting
- (a) the concentrations or quantities of an element, component or additive in a fuel;
- (b) the physical or chemical properties of a fuel;
- (c) the characteristics of a fuel, based on a formula related to the fuel's properties or conditions of use;
- (d) the blending of fuels;
- (e) the transfer and handling of a fuel;
- (f) the keeping of books and records by persons who produce, sell or import fuel or blend fuels;
- (g) the auditing of the books and records and the submission of audit reports and copies of the books and records:
- (h) the submission by persons who produce, sell or import fuel or blend fuels of information regarding
- (i) the fuel and any element, component or additive contained in the fuel,
- (ii) any physical or chemical property of the fuel or any substance intended for use as an additive to the fuel,
- (iii) the adverse effects from the use of the fuel, or any additive contained in the fuel, on the environment, on human life or health, on combustion technology and on emission control equipment, and
- (iv) the techniques that may be used to detect and measure elements, components, additives and

physical and chemical properties;

- (i) the conduct of sampling, analyses, tests, measurements or monitoring of fuels and additives and the submission of the results;
- (j) the submission of samples of fuels and additives;
- (k) the conditions, test procedures and laboratory practices to be followed for conducting sampling, analyses, tests, measurements or monitoring; and
- (1) the submission of reports on the quantity of fuel produced or sold for export.
- (2) Subsection 140(3) of the Act is replaced"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of André Bellavance and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

André Bellavance moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 33 on page 2 the following:

"(iii.1) the environmental and energy balance sheet,

(iii.2) the life-cycle analysis,

(iii.3) the social and environmental impact, and"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of André Bellavance and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 40 on page 2 the following:

- "(6.1) Section 140 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):
- (2.1) The Governor in Council may make regulations in respect of biofuel production in Canada and, in particular, shall, within six months after this subsection comes into force, make regulations
- (a) prohibiting the use of genetically modified grains, oilseeds or trees for biofuel production, except for those genetically modified grains, oilseeds or trees that were used for biofuel production in Canada before 2008;
- (b) prohibiting the use of lands protected by federal legislation and other sensitive biodiverse lands for biofuel production;
- (c) preserving the biodiversity of lands used in biofuel production;
- (d) prohibiting the importation of grains or oils for use in biofuel production;
- (e) establishing criteria in relation to the environmental sustainability of biofuel production to ensure compliance with internationally recognized best practices that promote the biodiversity and

sustainability of land, air and water; and

- (f) establishing restrictions on the use of arable land in Canada for biofuel production to ensure that biofuel production does not have a detrimental impact on the food supply in Canada and in foreign countries.
- (2.2) Any proposed regulations to be made under subsection (2.1) must, before they are made, be laid before each House of Parliament and approved by a majority vote of that House."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alex Atamanenko and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous amendment and therefore it was also negatived:

That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 3 the following:

- "(2.1) Subsection 143(b) of the Act is replaced by the following:
- (b) the fuel conforms to the requirements for that fuel provided for by regulations made under section 145 and any requirements that are applicable to that fuel and that may be provided for by regulations made under subsection 93(1) or 140(1.4);"

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 3 the following:

- "(8) Section 140 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (5):
- (6) Within six months after this subsection comes into force and every two years thereafter, a comprehensive review of the environmental and economic aspects of biofuel production in Canada shall be undertaken by such committee of the Senate, of the House of Commons or of both Houses of Parliament as may be designated or established by the Senate or the House of Commons, or by both Houses of Parliament, as the case may be, for that purpose.
- (7) The committee referred to in subsection (6) shall, within six months after a review is undertaken pursuant to that subsection, submit a report on the review to Parliament, including a statement of any recommendations that the committee makes in respect of biofuel production in Canada."

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 and the amendment of Alex Atamanenko were allowed to stand.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

André Bellavance moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 3 the following:

- "(j) the environmental and energy balance sheet;
- (k) the life-cycle analysis; and
- (1) the social and environmental impact."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of André Bellavance and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Clause 5 carried.

Clause 6 carried.

The Committee reverted to Clause 2 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Alex Atamanenko previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 3 the following:

- "(8) Section 140 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (5):
- (6) Within six months after this subsection comes into force and every two years thereafter, a comprehensive review of the environmental and economic aspects of biofuel production in Canada shall be undertaken by such committee of the Senate, of the House of Commons or of both Houses of Parliament as may be designated or established by the Senate or the House of Commons, or by both Houses of Parliament, as the case may be, for that purpose.
- (7) The committee referred to in subsection (6) shall, within six months after a review is undertaken pursuant to that subsection, submit a report on the review to Parliament, including a statement of any recommendations that the committee makes in respect of biofuel production in Canada."

Brian Storseth moved, — That the amendment be amended, in subsection (6), by replacing the words "six months" with the words "one year" and by replacing the word "shall" by the word "should";

That the amendment be amended, in subsection (7), by replacing the words "shall, within six months" by the words "should within one year".

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Brian Storseth and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Alex Atamanenko, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Brian Storseth moved, — That Bill C-33, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 40 on page 2 with the following:

"of fuel produced, imported or sold for export."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Storseth and it was agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-33, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 1:56, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/28 2:14 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

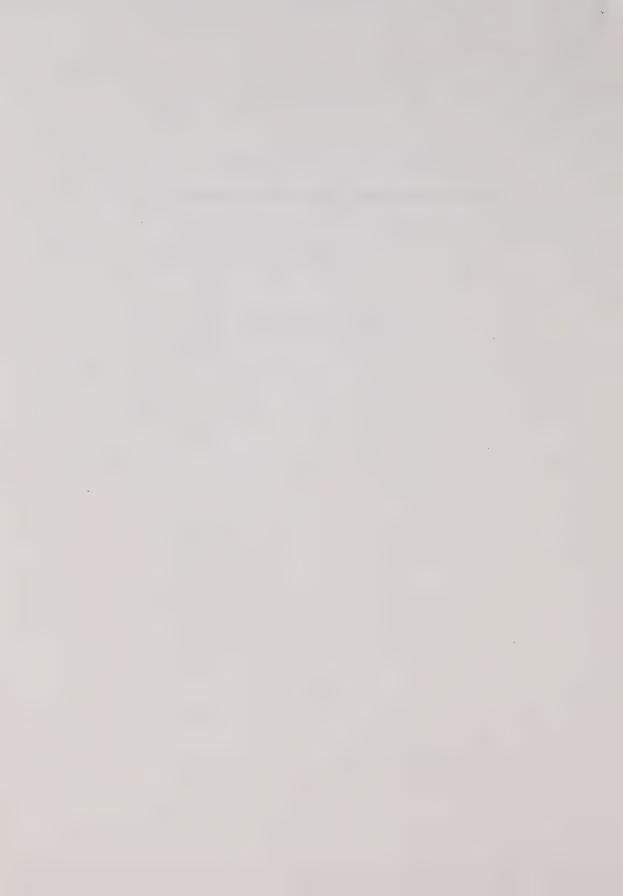
# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 28, 2008

**IN CAMERA** 





Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:06 this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Growing Forward.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: The non-business risk management programs under *Growing Forward*.

It was agreed, — That the draft report as amended be adopted.

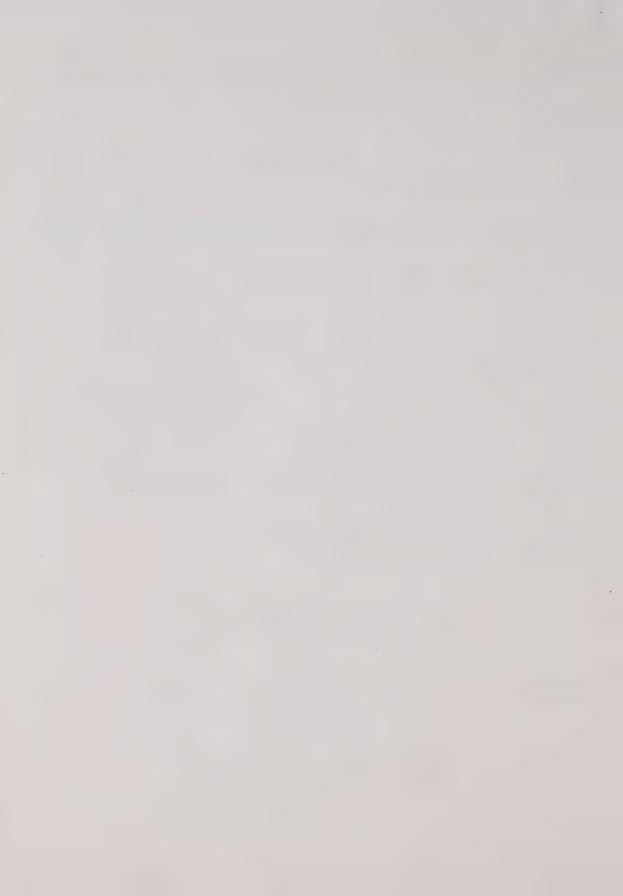
It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 9:59, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008: Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 12b and 30b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

### David Anderson for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Pierre Corriveau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate

Management;

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy

Branch;

Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial

Programs Branch;

Susie Miller, Director General, Food Value Chain Bureau, Market

and Industry Services Branch;

Rosser Lloyd, Director, Income Stabilization, Program Development.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations;

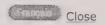
Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and

Information Technology;

Sandra Wing, Vice-President, Policy and Programs.

Pierre Corriveau made a statement and, with Nada Semaan, Andrew Marsland and Suzie Miller, answered questions.

Sandra Wing made a statement and, with Cameron Prince and Gordon R. White, answered questions.



Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

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Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Pierre Corriveau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Susie Miller, Director General, Food Value Chain Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology; Sandra Wing, Vice-President, Policy and Programs. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Rosser Lloyd, Director, Income Stabilization, Program Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008: Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 12b and 30b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Pierre Corriveau made a statement and, with Nada Semaan, Andrew Marsland and Suzie Miller, answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Sandra Wing made a statement and, with Cameron Prince and Gordon R. White, answered questions.

The Chair calls Vote 1b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Vote 1b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

The Chair called Vote 5b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Vote 5b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

The Chair calls Vote 10b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Vote 10b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

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The Chair calls Vote 12b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Vote 12b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

The Chair calls Vote 30b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Vote 30b under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 12b and 30b, under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD to the House.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of 29500\$ for its study of High Input Costs for Farmers.

Wayne Easter moved, — That this committee call upon the Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food to respect the Federal Court of Appeal decision upholding the previous Federal Court decision concerning the Canadian Wheat Board and to adhere to the provisions of Section 47.1 of the Canadian Wheat Board Act prior to any legislation being introduced by the government concerning the Canadian Wheat Board. Any proposed legislation to the Canadian Wheat Board Act which would seek to exclude barley or wheat from the single desk selling authority of the board requires first, consultation with the board and second approval by producers in a vote authorizing that specific exclusion.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 7; NAYS: David Anderson, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton — 4.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/05 1:37 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 6, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Fitzpatrick for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

CropLife Canada:

Jill Maase, Vice-President, Plant Biotechnology, Government and Public Affairs;
Peter MacLeod, Vice-President, Crop Protection Chemistry.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: Ray Orb, Member of the Board.

National Farmers Union:

Darrin Qualman, Director of Research.

Animal Nutrition Association of Canada:
Paul Wideman, Executive Director.

Darrin Qualman, Ray Orb, Paul Wideman and Jill Maase made statements and, with Peter MacLeod, answered questions.



Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: CropLife Canada: Jill Maase, Vice-President, Plant Biotechnology, Government and Public Affairs; Peter MacLeod, Vice-President, Crop Protection Chemistry. Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: Ray Orb, Member of the Board. National Farmers Union: Darrin Qualman, Director of Research. Animal Nutrition Association of Canada: Paul Wideman, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

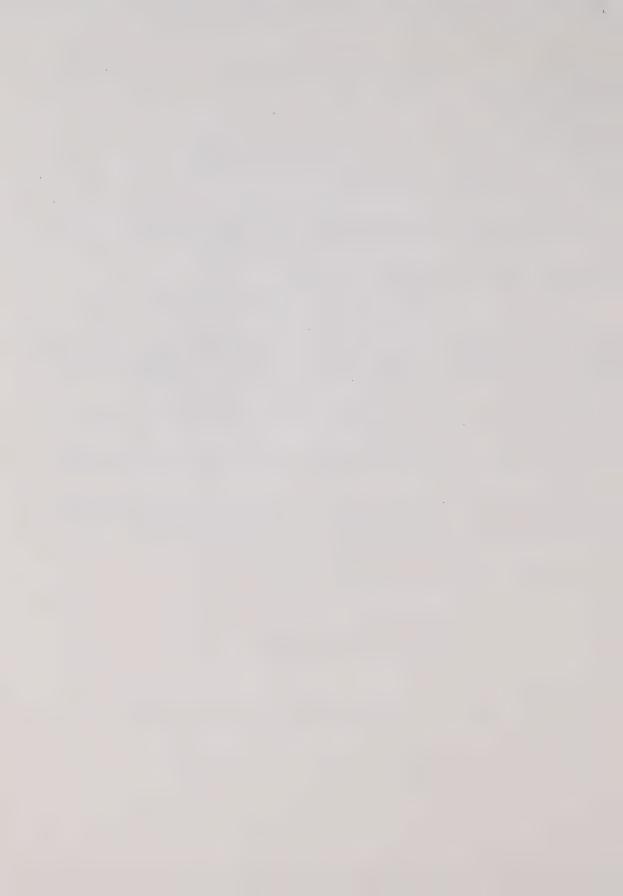
Darrin Qualman, Ray Orb, Paul Wideman and Jill Maase made statements and, with Peter MacLeod, answered questions.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the Committee ask its analyst to submit potential names and term of reference in order to provide the Committee with a study on the most recent prices of inputs in Canada versus the United States and that be reported back to the Committee.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/07 8:15



# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

# Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:
David MacKay, Executive Director.

AgroCentre Belcan inc.:
Greg Haney, Manager.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

Roger L. Larson, President;
Clyde Graham, Vice-President, Strategy and Alliances.

David MacKay, Roger L. Larson and Clyde Graham made statements and, with Greg Haney, answered questions.



Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers: David MacKay, Executive Director. AgroCentre Belcan inc.: Greg Haney, Manager. Canadian Fertilizer Institute: Roger L. Larson, President; Clyde Graham, Vice-President, Strategy and Alliances.

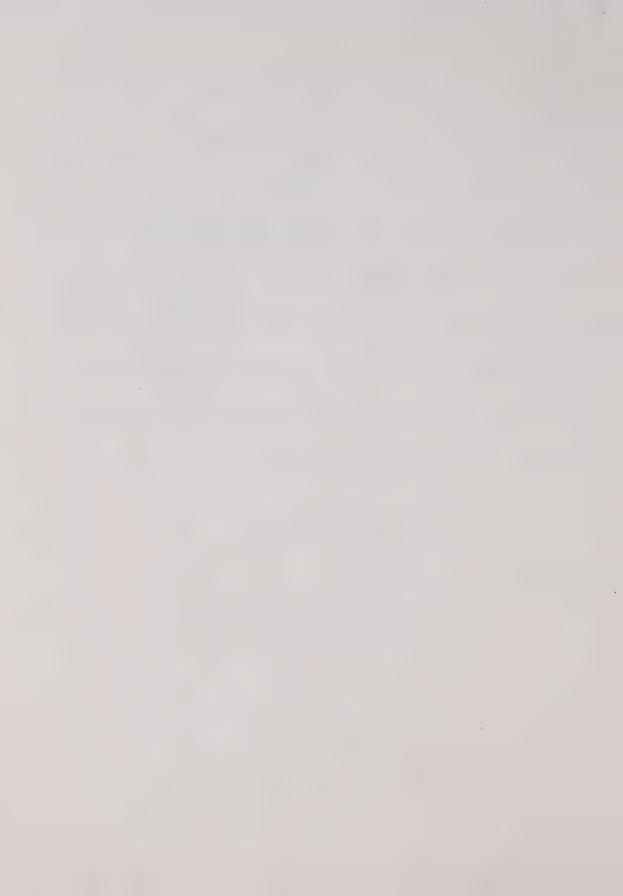
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

David MacKay, Roger L. Larson and Clyde Graham made statements and, with Greg Haney, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/12 3:26 p.m.



# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 13, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced the consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Elwin Hermanson to the position of Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission which was referred to the Committee on January 28, 2008.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

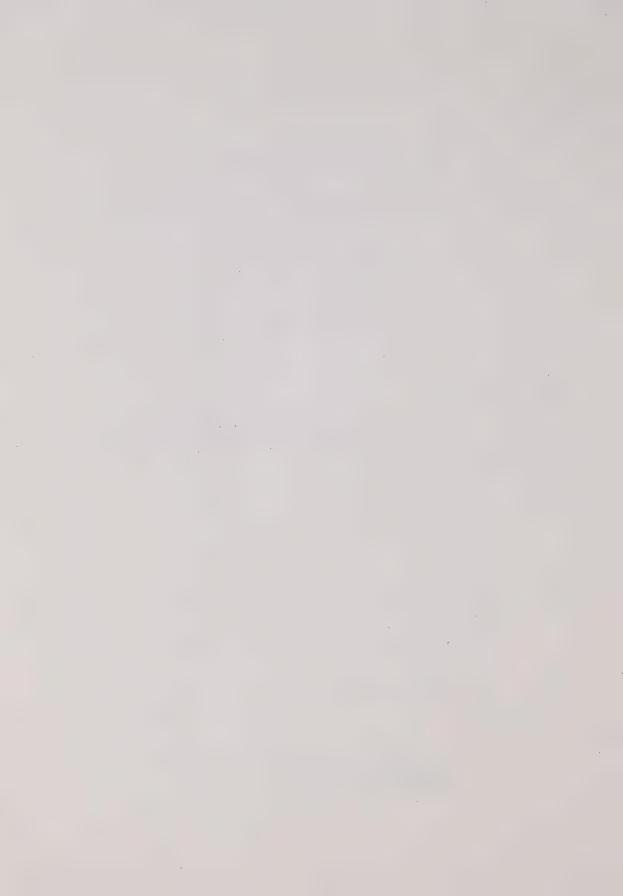
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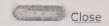
#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.





Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Grain Commission: Elwin Hermanson, Chief Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced the consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Elwin Hermanson to the position of Chief Commissioner which was referred to the Committee on January 28, 2008.

Elwin Hermanson made a statement and answered questions.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That in the Committee judgment, it disagrees with the appointment of Mr. Hermanson as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Commission" the following: "as he failed to respond to the concerns of the Committee to demonstrate the necessary qualifications to fulfill the requirements expected of an appointment to the Canadian Grain Commission".

Debate arose thereon.

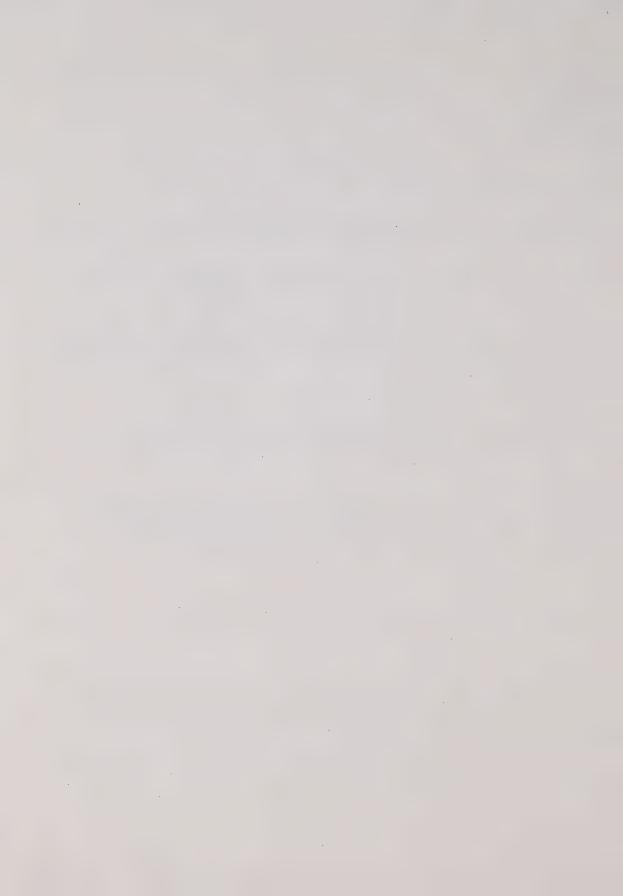
After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands; YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That in the Committee judgment, it disagrees with the appointment of Mr. Hermanson as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission as he failed to respond to the concerns of the Committee to demonstrate the necessary qualifications to fulfill the requirements expected of an appointment to the Canadian Grain Commission.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 11:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the briefing on Veterinary Drugs Directorate.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Siddika Mithani, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Bob Hills, Manager, Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Secretariat, Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Siddika Mithani made a statement and, with Bob Hills, answered questions.



Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Associate Members present: Mike Allen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Siddika Mithani, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Bob Hills, Manager, Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Secretariat, Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

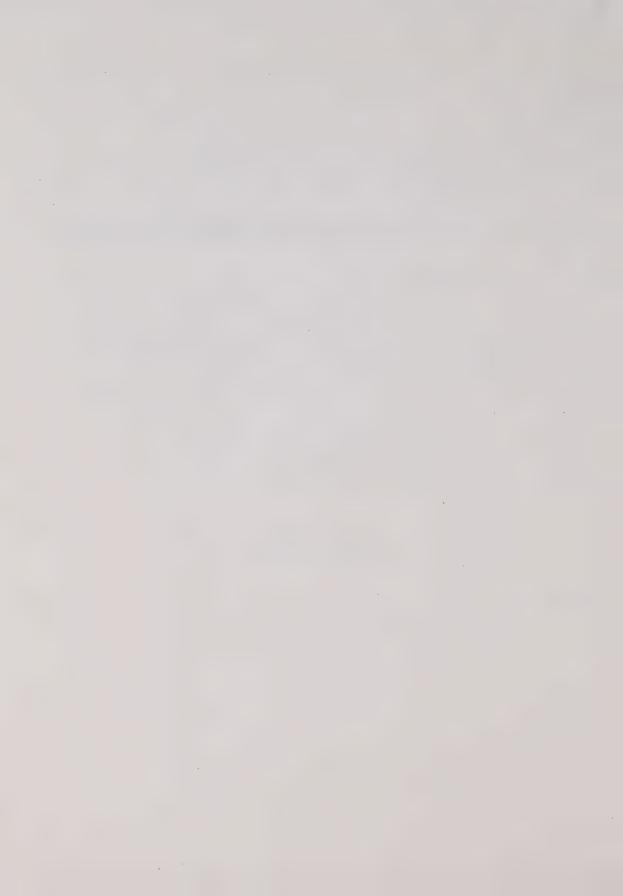
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced the briefing on Veterinary Drugs Directorate.

Siddika Mithani made a statement and, with Bob Hills, answered questions.

At 10:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/01 4:02 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Bevington for Alex Atamanenko, and Roger Gaudet for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Carla Barry, Acting Director, Consumer Protection; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety Directorate.

### Competition Bureau:

Colette Downie, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Branch; Andrea Rosen, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Fair Business Practices Branch; Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Civil Matters Branch.

> James M. Latimer Committee Clerk



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Dennis Bevington for Alex Atamanenko and Roger Gaudet for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Carla Barry, Acting Director, Consumer Protection; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety Directorate. Competition Bureau: Colette Downie, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Branch; Andrea Rosen, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Fair Business Practices Branch; Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Civil Matters Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed, — That the clerk be instructed to prepare a draft itinerary and budget for the Committee's travel to Geneva, Paris and Brussels from May 24 to May 30, 2008, as part of its Fact-Finding Mission on the World Trade Organization for consideration by the Committee as soon as possible; and that the draft budget include appropriate amounts for the participation of 8 members of the Committee which includes the Chair with representatives from all parties, in addition to the necessary staff.

It was agreed, — That the Committee engage the services of Thomsen Corporation for the period of April 9th to June 10th, 2008, for a total amount not to exceed \$ 45,000 to assist the Committee in its study of the Input Costs for Farmers; the contractor is to provide the following services to the Committee: update on the situation of certain input costs for farmers between January 2007 and April 2008.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 45,000, for the Committee's Study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers from April 9 to June 10, 2008, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer Committee Clerk

2008/04/07 10:48 a.m.

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Allen for Larry Miller.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:
Bob Friesen, President.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:
Jacques Laforge, President;
Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Union des producteurs agricoles:
Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President;
Alyne Savary, Director of Marketing.

Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Robert Monty, Second Vice-President.

National Farmers Union:
Grant Robertson, Coordinator, Ontario Region;
Nigel Smith, Youth President.

Canadian Pork Council:

Mary Ann Binnie, Nutrition Analyst.

Grant Robertson, Robert Monty, Mary Ann Binnie, Bob Friesen, Jacques Laforge, Pierre Lemieux and Alyne Savary made statements and, with Nigel Smith, answered questions.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President. Dairy Farmers of Canada: Jacques Laforge, President; Richard Doyle, Executive Director. Union des producteurs agricoles: Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President; Alyne Savary, Director of Marketing. Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec: Robert Monty, Second Vice-President. National Farmers Union: Grant Robertson, Coordinator, Ontario Region; Nigel Smith, Youth President. Canadian Pork Council: Mary Ann Binnie, Nutrition Analyst.

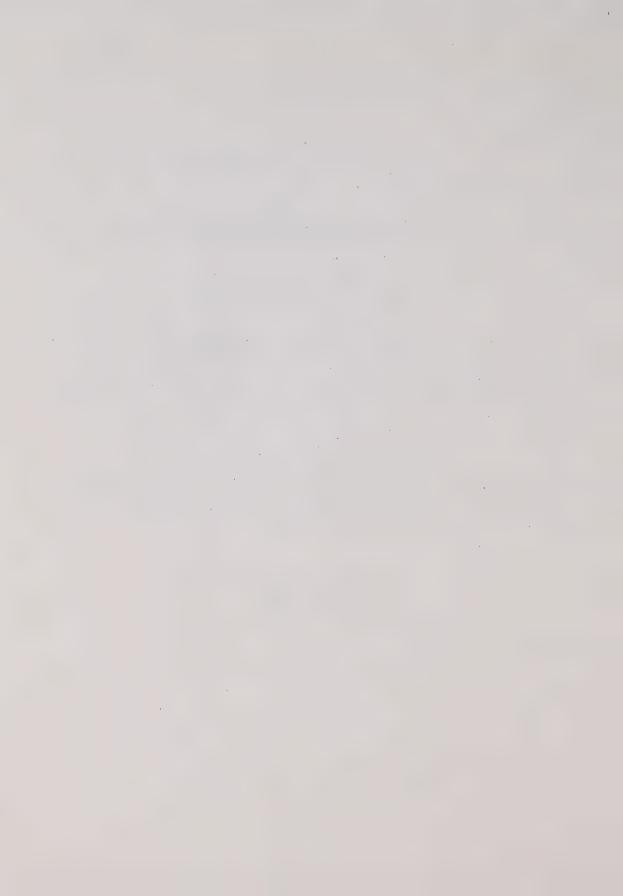
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

Grant Robertson, Robert Monty, Mary Ann Binnie, Bob Friesen, Jacques Laforge, Pierre Lemieux and Alyne Savary made statements and, with Nigel Smith, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/08 3:10 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance, and Bev Shipley for Larry Miller.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Conseil de la transformation agroalimentaire et des produits de consommation (CTAC):

Sylvie Cloutier, Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs;

Christine Jean, Technical Director.

Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada: Robert G. de Valk, General Manager.

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:

Robin Horel, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Fédération québécoise des producteurs de fruits et légumes de transformation:

Claude Lacoste, President; Gilles McDuff, General Manager.

Canadian Meat Council:

James Laws, Executive Director.

James Laws, Robert G. de Valk, Robin Horel, Gilles McDuff, Sylvie Cloutier and Christine Jean made statements and answered questions.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance and Bev Shipley for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Conseil de la transformation agroalimentaire et des produits de consommation (CTAC): Sylvie Cloutier, Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs; Christine Jean, Technical Director. Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada: Robert G. de Valk, General Manager. Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council: Robin Horel, President and Chief Executive Officer. Fédération québécoise des producteurs de fruits et légumes de transformation: Claude Lacoste, President; Gilles McDuff, General Manager. Canadian Meat Council: James Laws, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

James Laws, Robert G. de Valk, Robin Horel, Gilles McDuff, Sylvie Cloutier and Christine Jean made statements and answered questions.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Brian Storseth moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities ask the commission responsible for conducting the level of service review include the consideration of freight rates and their impact on Canadian grain shippers and farmers, within its mandate.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "mandate" the following: "and that the motion be reported to the House".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities ask the commission responsible for conducting the level of service review include the consideration of freight rates and their impact on Canadian grain shippers and

farmers, within its mandate and that the motion be reported to the House.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 10:20

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Option consommateurs:

Michel Arnold, Executive Director; Nalini Vaddapalli, Lawyer, Agri-Food Analyst.

Local Food For Local People: Kim Jo Bliss, Director.

Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.:
Jennifer Hillard, Research Director.

Union des consommateurs:

Charles Tanguay, Communications Officer.

Kim Jo Bliss, Charles Tanguay, Michel Arnold, Nalini Vaddapalli and Jennifer Hillard made statements and answered questions.

# Français Close

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met by videoconference at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Mervin Tweed for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Option consommateurs: Michel Arnold, Executive Director; Nalini Vaddapalli, Lawyer, Agri-Food Analyst. Local Food For Local People: Kim Jo Bliss, Director. Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.: Jennifer Hillard, Research Director. Union des consommateurs: Charles Tanguay, Communications Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

Kim Jo Bliss, Charles Tanguay, Michel Arnold, Nalini Vaddapalli and Jennifer Hillard made statements and answered questions.

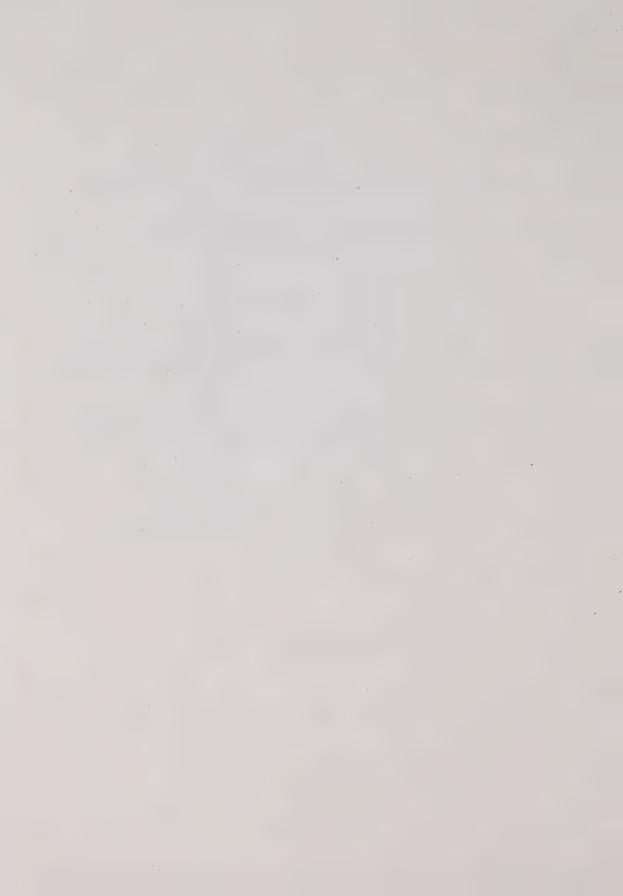
The Committee commenced the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed—That Alex Atamanenko's motion be defered for further consideration, on April 29th, 2008, meeting.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/24 9:19 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 17, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Preston and Mike Wallace.

### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olivia Chow and Marc Lemay.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Consumers' Association of Canada: Mel Fruitman, Vice-President.

Food Processors of Canada: Christopher J. Kyte, President.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Associate Members present: Joe Preston and Mike Wallace.

Other Members present: Olivia Chow and Marc Lemay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Consumers' Association of Canada: Mel Fruitman, Vice-President. Food Processors of Canada: Christopher J. Kyte, President.

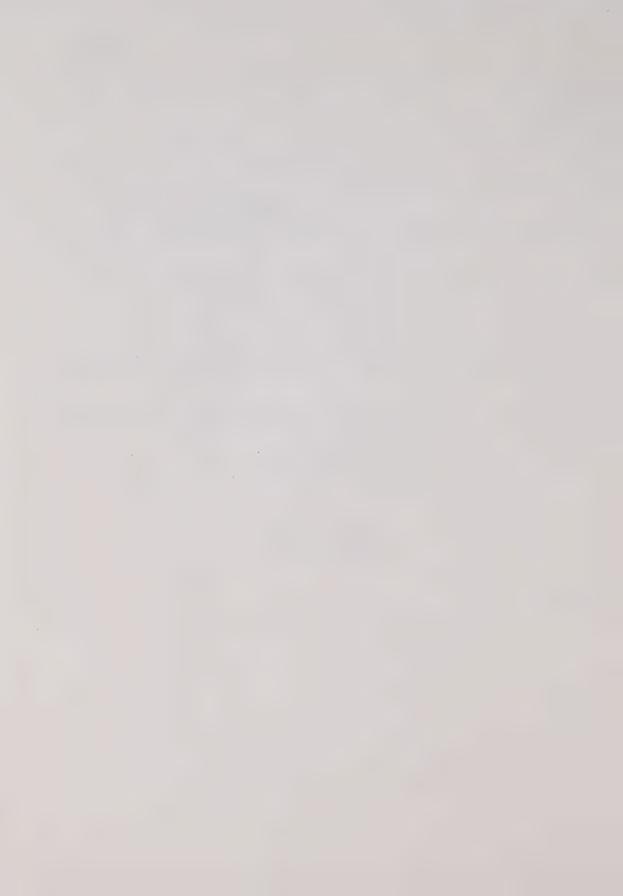
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims .

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/17 4:28



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Valley for Paul Steckle.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Chicken Farmers of Canada:
Mike Dungate, General Manager.

Dairy Processors Association of Canada:

Don Jarvis, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

John Masswohl, Director, Governmental and International
Relations.

Beef Information Centre:
Lisa Mina, Executive Director, Marketing.

Canadian Co-operative Association:

John Anderson, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy;
Lynne Markell, Advisor, Government Affairs and Public Policy.

John Masswohl, Lisa Mina, Mike Dungate, John Anderson and Don Jarvis made statements and, with Lynne Markell, answered questions.

# Close

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Roger Valley for Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Chicken Farmers of Canada: Mike Dungate, General Manager. Dairy Processors
Association of Canada: Don Jarvis, President and Chief Executive Officer. Canadian Cattlemen's
Association: John Masswohl, Director, Governmental and International Relations. Beef Information
Centre: Lisa Mina, Executive Director, Marketing. Canadian Co-operative Association: John Anderson,
Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy; Lynne Markell, Advisor, Government Affairs and
Public Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

John Masswohl, Lisa Mina, Mike Dungate, John Anderson and Don Jarvis made statements and, with Lynne Markell, answered questions.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Honourable Gerry Ritz, recommending the government abandon its plan to remove Kernel Visual Distinguishability (KVD) as a variety registration screening criteria for all classes of Western Canadian wheat as of August 1, 2008, and only proceed with its removal when a variety identification system that has gained the confidence of those whose interests are protected by the current KVD system, has been put in its place.

Debate arose thereon.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Brian Storseth moved, — That the debate on motions on the Order of the day, be suspended.

Debate arose thereon.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "suspended" the

following: "and that the said motions be dealt with at the beginning of the next meeting".

The question was put on the amendment of Lloyd St. Amand and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11: NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the debate on motions on the Order of the day, be suspended until Thursday, May 1st, 2008, and that the said motions be dealt with at the beginning of the next meeting.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed, — That, in relation with its Fact-Finding mission on the World Trade Organisation, the Committee travel to Geneva, Brussels and Paris, from May 24 to 30, 2008, including 8 members of the Committee and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget to support the Committee's travel in relation with its Fact-finding mission on the World Trade Organisation, the Committee travel to Geneva, Brussels and Paris in the amount of \$164,153 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the budget of the Committee in the amount of \$39,700 for the study on "Product of Canada" Claims be adopted.

At 11:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 8:24

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 1, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Paul Steckle, Louis Plamondon for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac, Joe Preston for Hon. Carol Skelton, and Joe Preston for Brian Storseth.

### WITNESSES:

Food and Consumer Products of Canada:

Mr. Blake Johnston, Vice-President of Government Affairs.

Canadian Produce Marketing Association:

Larry McIntosh, Chair of the Board of Directors;

Dan Dempster, President.

University of Saskatchewan:

Jill Hobbs, Professor and Department Head, Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics.

Canadian Horticultural Council:

Anne Fowlie, Executive Vice-President.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Paul Steckle, Louis Plamondon for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac, Joe Preston for Hon. Carol Skelton and Joe Preston for Brian Storseth.

Witnesses: Food and Consumer Products of Canada: Mr. Blake Johnston, Vice-President of Government Affairs. Canadian Produce Marketing Association: Larry McIntosh, Chair of the Board of Directors; Dan Dempster, President. University of Saskatchewan: Jill Hobbs, Professor and Department Head, Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics. Canadian Horticultural Council: Anne Fowlie. Executive Vice-President.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Alex Atamanenko, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Honourable Gerry Ritz, recommending the government abandon its plan to remove Kernel Visual Distinguishability (KVD) as a variety registration screening criteria for all classes of Western Canadian wheat as of August 1, 2008, and only proceed with its removal when a variety identification system that has gained the confidence of those whose interests are protected by the current KVD system, has been put in its place.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, Larry Bagnell, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Louis Plamondon, Lloyd St. Amand — 7; NAYS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Brian Storseth — 4.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture call Mr. Ian White the new President and CEO of the Canadian Wheat Board to appear before the committee as soon as possible.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food calls on the Federal Government to immediately implement an exit strategy for tobacco producers consistent with the most recent proposal they have submitted.

Debate arose thereon.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "to" with the following "continue to work with all partners to find a workable way forward for tobacco growers, manufactures, communities and the federal and provincial governments".

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The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Larry Miller moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "producers" with the following "and continue to work with all partners to find a workable way forward for tobacco growers, manufactures, communities and the federal and provincial governments".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "submitted" the following: "and that it be reported to the House".

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food calls on the Federal Government to immediately implement an exit strategy for tobacco producers consistent with the most recent proposal they have submitted and that it be reported to the House.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, Larry Bagnell, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Louis Plamondon, Lloyd St. Amand — 7; NAYS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Joe Preston, Carol Skelton — 4.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

Blake Johnston, Larry McIntosh, Jill Hobbs and Anne Fowlie made statements and, with Dan Dempster, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 2:12

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

## Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

### WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:

Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office;
Bernard Leblanc, National Labelling Resource.

Cloverleaf Grocery Ltd.:

Mark Loney, Manager and owner.

As an Individual:
Ronald Doering.

Ronald Doering, Jeanne Cruikshank, Mark Loney made statements and, with Bernard Leblanc, answered questions.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors: Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office; Bernard Leblanc, National Labelling Resource. Cloverleaf Grocery Ltd.: Mark Loney, Manager and owner. As an individual: Ronald Doering.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

Ronald Doering, Jeanne Cruikshank, Mark Loney made statements and, with Bernard Leblanc, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/08 10:10 a.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, May 8, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

### WITNESSES:

### Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Paul Mayers, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety Directorate; Carla Barry, Acting Director, Consumer Protection.

### Competition Bureau:

Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Civil Matters Branch;

Morgan Currie, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Mergers Branch;

Larry Bryenton, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Fair Business Practices Branch.

### Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Blair Coomber, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Richard Taylor and Paul Mayers made statements and, with Debra Bryanton, Blair Coomber, Carla Barry and Larry Bryenton, answered questions.

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Paul Mayers, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety Directorate; Carla Barry, Acting Director, Consumer Protection. Competition Bureau: Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Civil Matters Branch; Morgan Currie, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Mergers Branch; Larry Bryenton, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Fair Business Practices Branch. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Blair Coomber, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

Richard Taylor and Paul Mayers made statements and, with Debra Bryanton, Blair Coomber, Carla Barry and Larry Bryenton, answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/08 1:11 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 33

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008** 

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board.

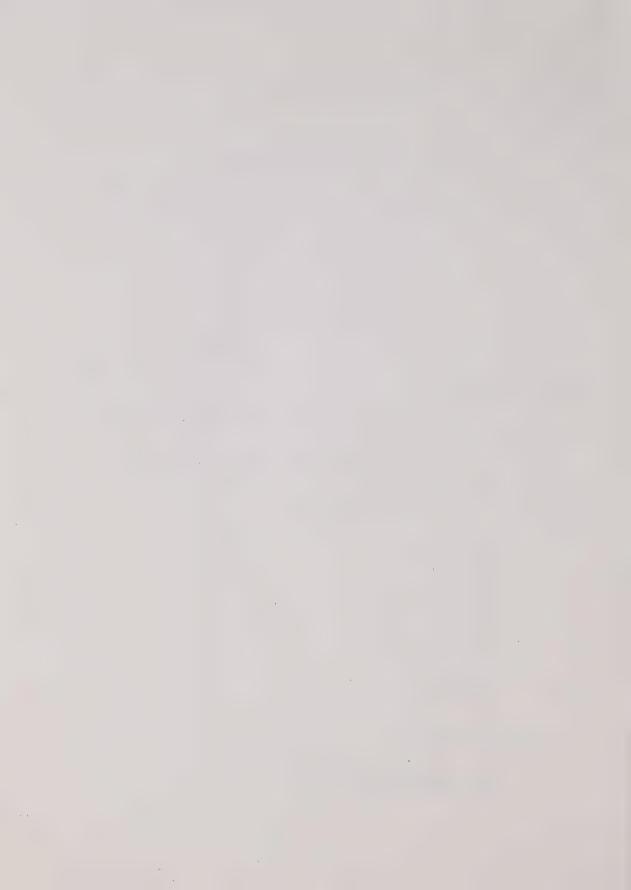
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceed to a briefing on the Kernel Visual Distinguishability (KVD).

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thai Thi Lac.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jean-Yves Roy for André Bellavance, and Mervin C. Tweed for Larry Miller.





Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Jean-Yves Roy for André Bellavance and Mervin C. Tweed for Larry Miller.

Associate Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Georges Etoka, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Wheat Board: Ian White, President and Chief Executive Officer. Canadian Grain Commission: Elwin Hermanson, Chief Commissioner; Randy Dennis, Chief Grain Inspector for Canada; Jim Stuart, Director, Industry Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the operations of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Ian White made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

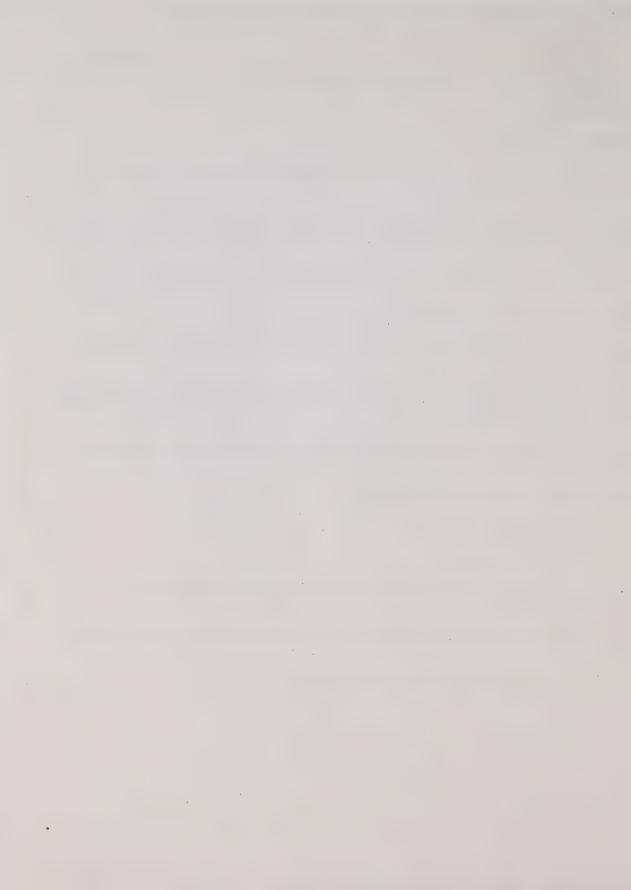
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceed to a briefing on the Kernel Visual Distinguishability (KVD).

Elwin Hermanson and Ian White made statements and, with Randy Dennis and Jim Stuart, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/13 3:43 p.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, May 15, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jean-Yves Laforest for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac, and Joe Preston for Larry Miller.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

# Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Georges Etoka, Procedural Clerk;

#### APPEARING:

Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

#### WITNESSES:

### Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister;

Pierre Corriveau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate

Management;

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy

Branch;

Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial

Programs Branch;

Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and

Industry Services Branch;

Jamshed Merchant, Executive Director, National Land and Water

Information Service.

### Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Carole Swan, President;

Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and

Information Technology;

Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations;

Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President.

The Minister Gerry Ritz made a statement and answered questions.

Pierre Corriveau, Andrew Marsland, Nada Semaan, Brian Evans and Gordon R. White answered questions.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 34

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Jean-Yves Laforest for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac and Joe Preston for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. House of Commons: Georges Etoka, Procedural Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister; Pierre Corriveau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Krista L. Mountjoy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Jamshed Merchant, Executive Director, National Land and Water Information Service. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Carole Swan, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology; Cameron Prince, Vice-President, Operations; Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Minister Gerry Ritz made a statement and answered questions.

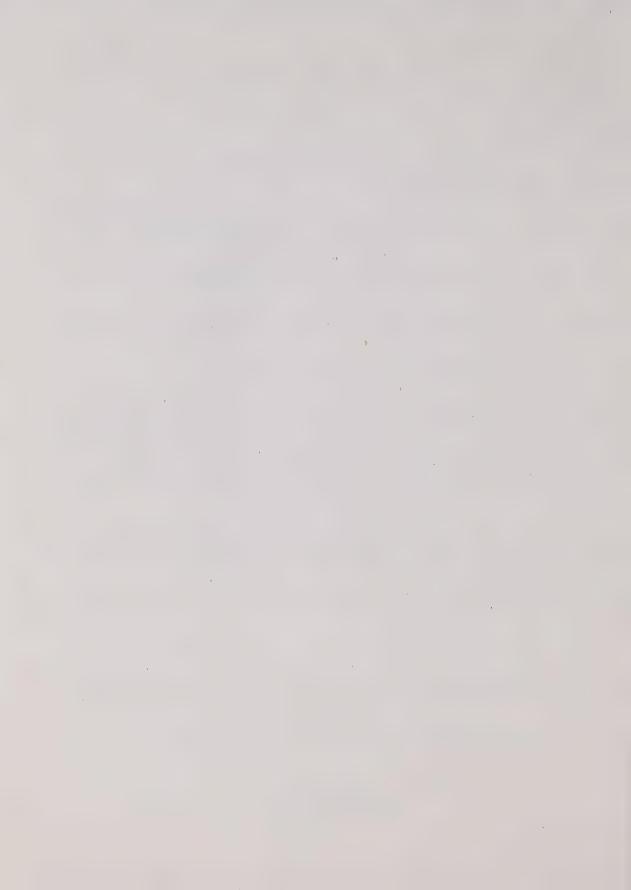
At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:08, the sitting resumed.

Pierre Corriveau, Andrew Marsland, Nada Semaan, Brian Evans and Gordon R. White answered questions.

At 10:55, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

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The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

# Close

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

At 9:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:14 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Members made statements on the work of the Committee on its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

Ken Boshcoff gave notice of the following motion: —That the Prime Minister recognize and respect the work of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food and ensure that the work of the Committee will not be sub voted and that the recommendations based on input from Canadian Stakeholders will be implemented and that the Prime Minister confirm his willingness to accept the work of the Committee.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:20 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

At 10:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:56 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee commenced the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food call on officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to provide a briefing to the Committee on: (a) the status of the updates to Animal Transport Regulations that are being proposed; (b) when it is expected the regulations will be sent to Justice for a final draft; (c) anticipated timeline for when the final draft of these regulations will be posted to the Canada Gazette.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/05/28 12:03 p.m.

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, May 29, 2008

**IN CAMERA** 





Meeting No. 36

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Eve-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a Draft Report on "Product of Canada" claims.

At 10:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/26 9:26 a.m.

Close



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Vice-Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

**IN CAMERA** 



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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Mervin C. Tweed for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

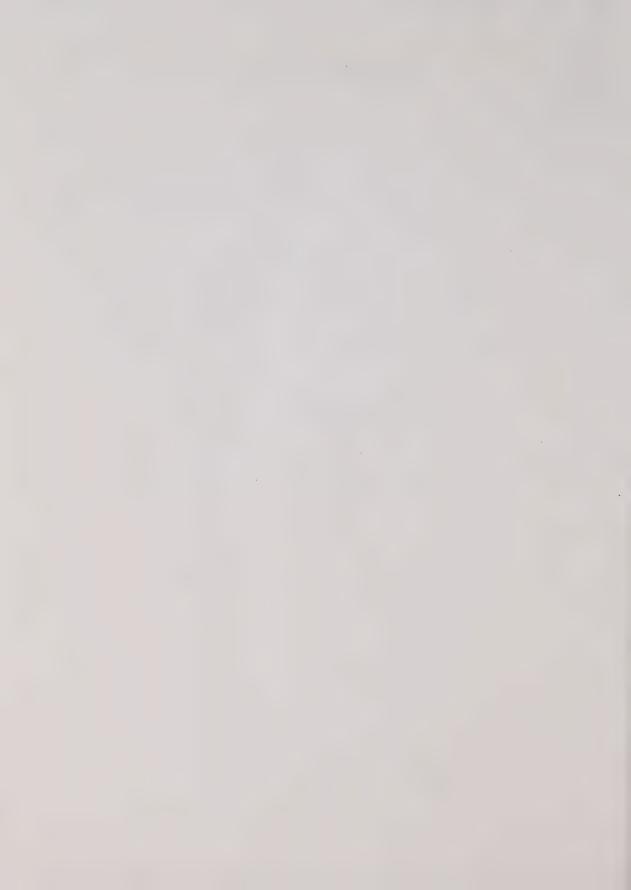
It was agreed, — That the next meeting of the Committee be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/26 9:29 a.m.

Close



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 5, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**





Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac, Mario Silva for Lloyd St. Amand and Maurice Vellacott for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: The Thomsen Corporation: Joe Thomsen, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on "Product of Canada" claims.

At 10:50 a.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 11:40 a.m., James Bezan took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted and that the Chair present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "Product of Canada" claims: truth and transparency are necessary.

It was agreed, — That members filing dissenting opinions on the Report should have their text delivered to the clerk of the Committee by Monday, June 9, 2008 no later than 5:00 p.m..

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:51 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

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Ken Boshcoff moved, — That the Prime Minister recognize and respect the work of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food and ensure that the work of the Committee will not be sub voted and that the recommendations based on input from Canadian Stakeholders will be implemented and that the Prime Minister confirm his willingness to accept the work of the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Alex Atamanenko moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food make a recommendation to the government to move toward implementing measures to alleviate the competitive disadvantage facing Canadian agri-retailers and farmers as a result of the recently passed U.S. Farm Bill, wherein are provided tax credits and grants to enhance security upgrades at American agri-retail sites as required by Dept. of Homeland Security regulations.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 1.

By unanimous consent, Brian Storseth moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food send a letter to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry informing the Senate Committee that the House Committee has recently completed a study on Bill C-33 in which they heard from a wide range of witnesses and stakeholders, and that as a result of the study is firmly of the position that biofuels production in Canada is beneficial both for the environment and for Canadian agriculture. Furthermore, the House of Commons encourages the Senate to expedite the passage of this important legislation.

Debate arose thereon.

André Bellavance moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "provided that it passes the amendments proposed by the Bloc Quebecois" after the word "legislation".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of André Bellavance and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth — 7; NAYS: Gérard Asselin, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance — 3.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/09 2:25 p.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Paul Steckle,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst. Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

# Close

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Paul Steckle, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

At 9:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:06 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Guy Lauzon gave notice of the following motion: That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food urges the Government of Canada to ensure Canadian farmers are not saddled with a carbon tax which would further increase their input costs and hurt their competitiveness vis-à-vis their American competitors.

At 9:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:08 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on High Input Costs Facing Canadian Farmers.

At 9:53 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:54 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

It was agreed, — That a follow-up be done with the CEO of the Canadian Wheat Board (C.W.B.) Mr. Ian White, President, on the survey results as promised by him, before the Committee, on May 13, 2008.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/13 3:26 p.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, June 12, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

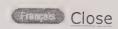
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Tobacco Production in Canada.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

# **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. John Godfrey for Paul Steckle, Joe Preston for Guy Lauzon, Bev Shipley for Hon. Carol Skelton, and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Ken Boshcoff. Georges Etoka Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 40

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Paul Steckle, Joe Preston for Guy Lauzon, Bev Shipley for Hon. Carol Skelton and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Ken Boshcoff.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Nathalie Pothier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association des producteurs de tabac jaune du Québec: Gaétan Beaulieu, Chair; Christian Boisjoly, Director. National Farmers Union: Joe Dama, Board Member. Tobacco Farmers In Crisis: Jon Lechowicz, Farmer. Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board: Fred Neukamm, Vice-Chair. Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Joe Preston. National Farmers Union: Garry Proven, Board Member. Tobacco Farmers In Crisis: Peter Van Berlo, Farmer. Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board: Linda Vandendriessche, Chair.

The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food urges the Government of Canada to ensure Canadian farmers are not saddled with a carbon tax which would further increase their input costs and hurt their competitiveness vis-à-vis their American competitors.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the debate on the motion be now adjourned and that the motion be reconsidered at the next Committee's meeting.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, John Godfrey, Lloyd St. Amand, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 6; NAYS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Bev Shipley, Brian Storseth — 4.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Tobacco Production in Canada.

Joe Preston made an opening statement and answered questions.

Garry Proven made an opening statement and answered questions.

Linda Vandendriessche made an opening statement and answered questions.

Peter Neukamm answered questions.

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At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Jon Lechowicz made an opening statement and with Peter Van Berlo answered questions.

Gaétan Beaulieu made an opening statement and with Christian Boisjoly answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/13 3:27 p.m.

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the situation of the Bee Industry.

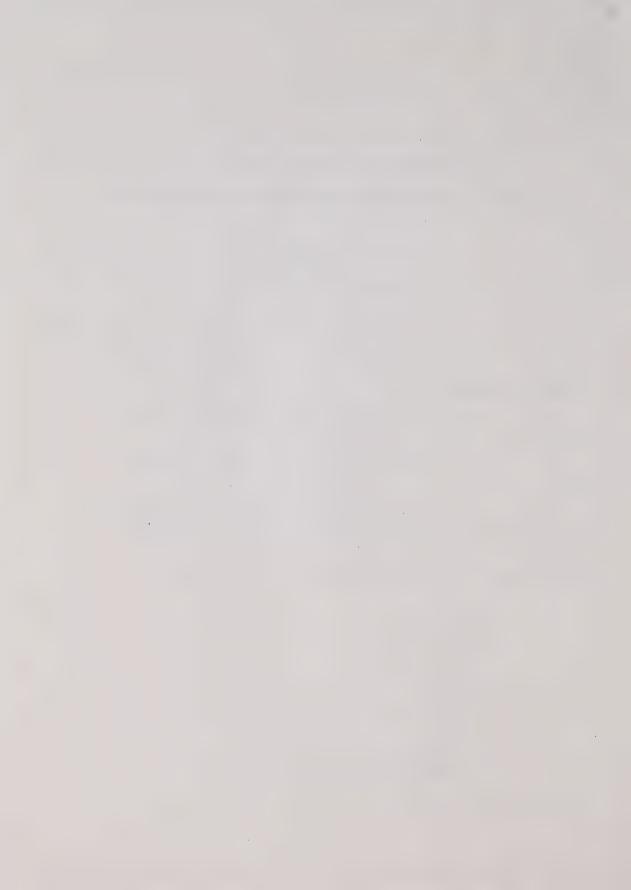
The Committee resumed to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 27, 2008, the Committee commenced its briefing by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Animal Transport Regulations.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Hon. Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**





Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present*: Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Hon. Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Paul Steckle and Hon. Robert Thibault for Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Fédération des apiculteurs du Québec: Diane Caron, Secretary; Jean-François Doyon, President. Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Paul Mayers, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Catherine Airth, Acting Associate Vice-President, Operations; Martin Appelt, Human Transportation of Animals Specialist, Foreign Animal Diseases, Animal Welfare.

It was agreed, — That Committee business be considered at the end of today's presentations by the witnesses.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the situation of the Bee Industry.

Jean-François Doyon made an opening statement an answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a sum of \$11,000.00 (Eleven Thousand dollars) be granted to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food to cover the expenses of witnesses who appeared before this Committee under the Study of the Tobacco Production in Canada on Thursday, June 12, 2008.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food urges the Government of Canada to ensure Canadian farmers are not saddled with a carbon tax which would further increase their input costs and hurt their competitiveness vis-à-vis their American competitors.

Debate arose thereon.

At 9:55 a.m., by unanimous consent, debate on the motion was suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 27, 2008, the Committee commenced its briefing by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Animal Transport Regulations.

Paul Mayers made an opening statement and, with Martin Appelt and Catherine Airth, answered questions.

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At 10:30 a.m., the Committee resumed consideration of Committee's Business.

Debate resumed on the motion of Guy Lauzon.

Brian Storseth moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "Agri-Food" and replacing them with the following: "study the effects of a carbon tax or any broad based environmental tax and ensure that Canadian Farmers are not saddled with a carbon tax which would further increase their input costs and hurt their competitiveness".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Storseth and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 9; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, Ken Boshcoff — 2.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, André Bellavance, Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 9; NAYS: Alex Atamanenko, Ken Boshcoff — 2.

Lloyd St. Amand moved, — That the Standing Committee of Agriculture and Agri-food urges the federal government to immediately provide funding for tobacco farmers to the extent of \$1.78 per pound as an interim payment until a full exit strategy can be implemented.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Alex Atamanenko, André Bellavance, Ken Boshcoff, Wayne Easter, Lloyd St. Amand, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 7; NAYS: Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Carol Skelton, Brian Storseth — 4.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Committee Clerk

2008/06/18 10:35 a.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, August 18, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider holding a meeting in order to review the government's funding cuts to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko, and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Monday, August 18, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:32 this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider holding a meeting in order to review the government's funding cuts to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Committee demands that the government provide the Committee with the plan to abandon critical food safety inspections as was reportedly approved by the Treasury Board in November 2007 and; That the Committee begin a study of the plan to abandon food safety inspections and report the results back to the House of Commons.

Debate arose thereon.

Brian Storseth moved, — That the debate be suspended.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ed Komarnicki, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Brian Storseth — 4; NAYS: André Bellavance, Carolyn Bennett, Ken Boshcoff, Paul Dewar, Wayne Easter, Lloyd St. Amand, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac — 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

Guy Lauzon moved, — That the Committee calls the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's officials as soon as possible.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "officials" the following: "immediately and that the Profesional Institute of the Public Service of Canada be asked to appear tomorrow at 8 or 8:30 a.m.".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee calls the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's officials immediately and that the Profesional Institute of the Public Service of Canada be asked to appear tomorrow at 8 or 8:30 a.m..

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

Brian Storseth moved, — That it be given 48 hours notice for the following motion: That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food explore the differences between the Canadian Wheat Board and the Informa Economics study, investigate the real cost of the Wheat Board to western Canadian farmers.

At 5:37, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

# Meeting No. 43

Monday, August 18, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4) and the motion adopted on August 18, 2008, the Committee commenced its briefing session by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Guy Lauzon,
Larry Miller,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko, and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President; Paul Mayers, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

> Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Monday, August 18, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 5:47 this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Guy Lauzon, Larry Miller, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Mathieu Frigon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Brian Evans, Executive Vice-President; Paul Mayers, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Finance, Administration and Information Technology.

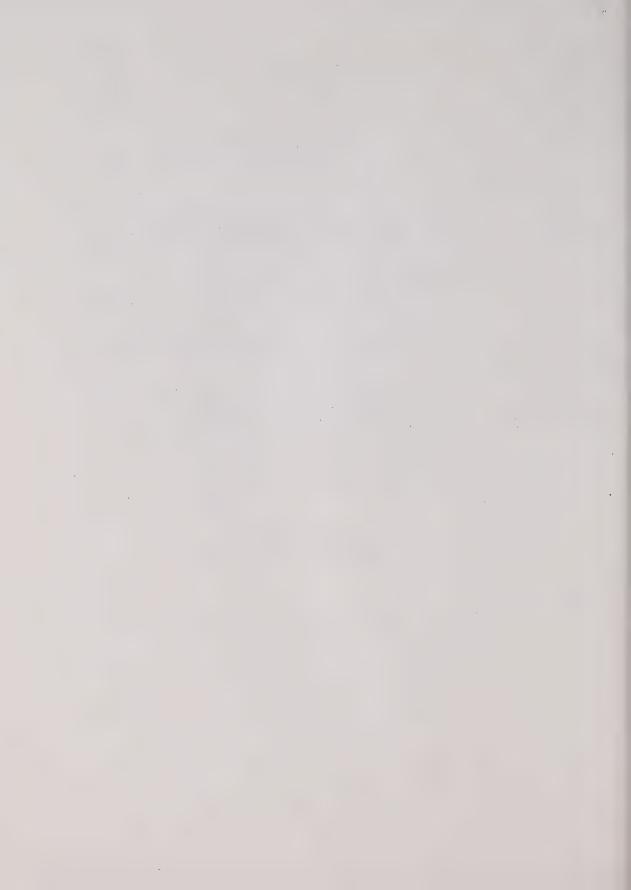
Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4) and the motion adopted on August 18, 2008, the Committee commenced its briefing session by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Brian Evans made a statement and with Paul Mayers and Gordon R. White, answered questions.

At 7:23, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD

Chair: James Bezan.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

# **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on August 18th 2008, the Committee resumed its study on a strategic review document prepared by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Ken Boshcoff,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Larry Miller,
Lloyd St. Amand,
Brian Storseth
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Dean Del Mastro for Guy Lauzon, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko, and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

#### WITNESSES:

Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada:
Michèle Demers, President;
Chris Roberts, Research Officer.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:12 this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, James Bezan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, James Bezan, Ken Boshcoff, Hon. Wayne Easter, Larry Miller, Lloyd St. Amand, Brian Storseth and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Paul Steckle, Dean Del Mastro for Guy Lauzon, Paul Dewar for Alex Atamanenko and Ed Komarnicki for Hon. Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada: Michèle Demers, President; Chris Roberts, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on August 18th 2008, the Committee resumed its study on a strategic review document prepared by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Michèle Demers made a statement and with Chris Roberts, answered questions.

Paul Dewar moved, — That it be given 48 hours notice for the following motion: That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food request that the government provide to the Committee a copy of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency strategic review document within 24 hours of the adoption of this motion being passed.

At 10:01, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-François Lafleur Clerk of the Committee

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